



Browsing for books

Kammel, 5, of (left) along with Aleksandra Hewitt, 6 1/2, both of Kensington, checked out a bounty of books set out for the Kensington Library Sale Oct. 15.

Newsline

Old War origins

ALBANY — East Bay Peace Center is privileged to present Professor Frank Kofsky Nov. 4, 8 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, Library Conference Room, 1249 Marin.

Dr. Kofsky, Professor of History at Sacramento State University, is author of "Harry S. Truman and the War Scare of 1950: A Successful Campaign to Reverse the Nation".

President Truman's decision to drop the atom bomb and the ensuing competition with the Soviet Union shaped our U.S. foreign policy and our economy for 50 years.

Dr. Kofsky will present his insights into the origins of and motivations for the Cold War and what it means for us today. For further information call Betty Brown at 524-6071.

Garden Club meeting

El Cerrito Garden Club's fund-

raiser meeting will be on Nov. 9 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be flower arranger Laurie Stern, with tips on making designs and how to make cloth flowers, who exhibited, with husband Lazar, designs at San Francisco Garden Show.

She also exhibited "Bouquets to Art" at the De Young Museum.

There will be a silent auction, door prizes, and sale items.

Non-members' tickets are \$5 available at the door or in advance through Lillian Glander at 524-3517.

Kensington hopeful counts on experience to win district seat

The following is the final article in a three-part series on candidates running for the Kensington Community Services District.*

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — Joan Gallegos believes her background and work experience will benefit the Kensington Community Services District Board. She and candidate David Anton are both running for the new one-year seat that will be created if next week's vote expands the board from three to five members.

Gallegos, a resident of Kensington for 20 years, is currently a professor at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where she has taught theory and conducted contemporary music since 1968.

Early this year, she started attending meetings of the KCSD and has done so consistently since. She was prompted to begin after an advisory vote by which residents authorized purchase of the entire parcel of available school district property in order to create a public park.

Gallegos said she was concerned that a number of independent decisions were being made at once, including authorization to purchase the park and the sheer number of different groups working on issues of importance to the community, such as the KCSD, the Kensington Fire Department, and the Emergency Preparedness Council.

"I found some things disturbing," she said. "We in Kensington haven't done any comprehensive long range plan (looking at) what we need here and what the cost might be. We need to get ourselves in gear."

"Lack of planning was starting to stick out to me as something that really needed attention."

Gallegos draws a parallel with her experience at the conservatory. "From the information I gathered, from talking to people in the community, (I found) there's a lot about my experience that could translate to the board's present situation, a lot I could bring to the board."

When she started at the school, it was a small one, one that worked

well under the direction of one person.

"In the '80s, it started to grow; we realized maybe we needed a little more organization and structure, we needed to do more planning than we had been doing."

Gallegos served on the school's finance and budgeting committee that began looking at the need for long range planning. She also serves on the faculty committee that works on issues of mission and planning for the school.

She believes even her work on the presidential search committee has direct relevance to the job of a KCSD board member.

"It was the first time we had looked for a president in 25 years," she said. "It's hard to replace someone who's served as president for 25 years and was responsible for building the school. I learned a lot from the process, particularly concerning the need for a clearly structured decision as to what the job is and what kind of person we're looking for."

"We'll soon be facing the retirement of our police chief, who also functions as a city manager," she said. "He wasn't the first chief, but it's a job that has grown up around him."

She sees a great similarity in the situations.

"Though this is not an immediate task the board will have to undertake, I think the board should sit down, do some long range planning, and clearly define that job."

Such a task will take time and energy, she said, just as the process of purchasing the park was long-term.

On the other hand, Gallegos believes a five-person board will have an easier time of things all around. She's a strong supporter of the expansion.

"In going to fire board meetings, it immediately became apparent to me how much easier it is to get things accomplished with five," she said. "For one thing, there's the practical matter of the Brown Act's (restrictions on) meeting in private."

"For a three-person board, that means two members can't even talk to each other outside the meeting. Attending the meetings, I noticed

how slowly things have to move with just three on the board; the members had to come back month after month and pick up discussion where it had left off."

Gallegos decided to run for the one-year term when she found John Ream had declared his candidacy for the three-year seat. She believes his expertise will benefit the board.

"John has already saved the district money through suggestions he's made. I think he's done a lot in police work and in community work as a police captain that will come in very handy in this community."

Gallegos believes that police issues tend to end up "on the bottom of the list" in the board's agenda, while making up "90 percent" of its responsibility.

She supports the new committee the board is forming to deal with the park planning process. The long committee process will be beneficial to the community in the long run, she said, allowing the board a large amount of community input on "what could happen at the park."

At the same time, she hopes it will free up the board to move the police "to the top of the agenda."

"It will allow the board to then say, okay, we've lost the special district funding forever, now we need to take a long hard look at our expenses, our revenue sources, to see how we're going to manage for the next five years."

Gallegos noted that the special district augmentation fund had provided "about one-third of the KCSD's budget" before the state took it away, though some revenue has been returned through the efforts of Tom Bates.

"That's one of the reasons the assessment for police services is so much higher than (the assessment) for the fire district, which gets a much larger amount from the state," she said.

"We need to get a handle on how long we can make the assessment last."

Financial issues are of highest concern to Gallegos.

"Unless we pay attention to the financial requirements of the department, it may not matter what kind of park we want to do," she said. "Without adequate police services up here ... if we don't have the police services to keep it a safe place ... I don't think there's any way we can hope for that to be a usable community space, as some say, the last place around for a child to roll down a hill."

Gallegos would also like to see the district's reserves built up again.

"They've been drawn down over the last five years," she said. "If we can assess at a slightly higher rate than is necessary for yearly operating in order to build up those reserves, it would give us some cushion to draw against."

Money is a big issue in the community, she said.

"In Kensington, we've seen the liens and bonds part of the property

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Berkeley Repertory Theatre: *Ballad of Yachiyo*. Previews (\$21.50) Nov. 3, 4, 5, and 7; opens Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 through \$34. Through Dec. 23. 2025 Addison St. at Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 845-4700.

Freight & Salvage: Nov. 2, 8 p.m.: Nashville music with Steve Seskin, Angela Kaset, Don Henry, and Nina Gerber; Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m.: Boiled in Lead; Nov. 5, 8 p.m.: Andy M. Stewart with Gerry O'Beime; Nov. 8, 8 p.m.: Welsh triple harp master Robin Huw Bowen. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Jupiter: Nov. 3, 8:30 p.m.: Josh Jones Latin Jazz Ensemble with Andre Bush Duo at 5 p.m.; Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m.: Frijoles Blancos; Nov. 8, 8:30 p.m.: Ben Rubin Quartet. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-THE-ROCK.

Keyboard Concerts: Nov. 5, 5 p.m.: Charlotte Mattax, harpsichordist, will perform sonatas by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

La Peña Cultural Center: Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m.: Linda Zittel & "The Magic Window Puppets" present magic, music, and stories in La Peña's Saturday morning children's shows. 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568, ext.15.

Lute and Baroque guitar: Nov. 4, 8 p.m.: 10-course lute and baroque guitar. St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley. Sponsored by The San Francisco Early Music Society. 528-1725.

Maybeck Recital Hall: Paul Galbraith, British classical guitarist, will perform an all-Bach program. Friday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m. \$25. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

Red Cafe: Nov. 2, 8:30 p.m.: Jenna Deear and Sage; Nov. 3, 9:45 p.m.: Jordan and The River; Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m.: Jenna Mammamia and friends. 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Starry Plough: Nov. 2, 9:30 p.m.: Pluto, Special Parrot; Nov. 3, 9:45 p.m.: David Ganes, Spikedrivers; Nov. 4, 9:45 p.m.: Mental Revenger with Ernie Berlin; Nov. 5, 9:15 p.m.: Electric Blues Jam Session; Nov. 6, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish music with dance lessons at 7 p.m.; Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.: Cabaret Open Mike. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: Nov. 4, 8 p.m.: Duo Linos with Yaada Weber, flute, and Philip Manwell, piano. 2362 Bancroft Wy., Berkeley. 1-800-738-0663.

U.C. Department of Music: Nov. 3, 8 p.m.: Traditional music and dance of Java with Gamelan Sari Raras and guest dancers directed by Ben Brinner and Santosa. Hertz Hall, U.C. Berkeley. 642-4864.

Yoshi's: Through Nov. 5, 8 & 10 p.m. every night: World Saxophone Quartet with David Murray, Oliver Lake, Hamiet Bluiett, and Eric Person; Nov. 6, 8 & 10 p.m.: Rhythm & Rhyme featuring Wayne Wallace; Nov. 7, 8 & 10 p.m.: Hurlo Thumbo plus Substance Theory; Nov.

8-12, 8 & 10 p.m.: Marian McPartland Trio plus Joanne Brackeen-solo. 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.: "Building Your Spiritual Home" with young adults leading and participating in the service. Afterwards, lunch will be served for all. For children: childcare for toddlers; for ages 3-12, classes. 1606 Bonita St. at Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: Nov. 5, 8 and 10 a.m.: The Rev. James Stickney will preach on Matthew 5:1-12. The monthly potluck breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. with a collection of nonperishable food items for local pantries. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

The 5:45: Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

Why be Jewish ? Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: An all-day event for interfaith couples and Jews by choice. Worship addresses issues of child rearing, wedding officiation, spirituality, and more. For information and registration materials call Temple Sinai 451-3263 or Dawn Kepler 531-5554. Registration deadline is Nov. 13.

Events, meetings, classes...

Albany Recreation and Community Services: Beginning Nov. 6, a year-round tennis program for children and adults will be offered. Registration is now being taken. Children 4 and up and adults of all skill levels are invited to sign up for lessons. For more information call 524-9283. 1249 Marin Ave.

Berkeley Farmers' Market: Sundays, 11-3 p.m.: Fresh California produce near People's Park; parking available: Haste St. at Telegraph, Berkeley.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m.: Tilden Regional Park. 8-10 miles. Call Gilbert Melese (601-0296) for details; Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m.: Mini Hike. 4-5 mile loop. Call Jim Compton (415-492-2447) for details.

Black Oak Book: Nov. 2, 6 p.m.: Sam Hamill will read from a major collection of his work, *Destination Zero: Poems 1970-1995*; Later at 7:30 p.m., Elinor Burkett exposes the numerous deception s and pretensions that have emerged during the AIDS crisis in *The Gravest Show On Earth: America in the Age of AIDS*; Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.: David Guterson will read from *Snow Falling on Cedars*; Nov. 5, 5 p.m.: Doris Kearns Goodwin paints a portrait of an extraordinary marriage in *No Ordinary Time: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*. And at 7:30 p.m., Urvashi Vaid will discuss *Virtual Reality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation*; Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.: Elizabeth Marshall Thomas returns to Black Oak to explore the world of the feline with *The Tribe of Tiger: Cats and Their Culture*; Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.: Baxter Black, cowboy poet and "irregular" commentator on NPR, will read from his first novel *Hey Cowboy, Wanna Get Lucky?* Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Terry Tempest Williams celebrates the publication of *Desert Quartet: An Erotic Landscape*. 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

Bouncing Babies: Through Nov. 15, 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Young children (up

to the age of 3) are invited to the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library for the fall season of *Baby Bounce and Toddler Tales*. These free programs of songs, rhymes, simple picture books and fingerplays include multicultural materials, some guitar-playing, and at least one song or rhyme in Spanish. A special Spanish storytime for children aged 3-8, featuring Cecilia Cuesta-Velez and children's librarian Marge Sussman, is scheduled at West at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21 and Saturday, Nov. 18. 1125 University, Berkeley. 644-6870.

City Commons Club: Nov. 3, 12:30 p.m.: Janet Holmgren, Roxanne Seagraves, Margo Smith, and Robin Standish: "Views of the Women's Conference in China: What Happened There? What Happens Next?" Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, Berkeley. 848-3533.

Cold War Review: Nov. 4, 1 p.m.: East Bay Peace Action presents Professor Frank Kofsky who will give his insights into the origins of and motivations for the Cold War and what it means today. Albany Community Center, Library Conference Room, 1249 Marin. 233-0915.

Dorothea Lange: Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m.: Celebrating the publication of *The Second Good Rush: Dorothea Lange and the Bay Area at War, 1941-1945* with an introduction by Charles Wollenberg. Berkeley Historical Society, 1931 Center St., Berkeley.

El Cerrito Classes: Yoga. Through Nov. 29: Mondays, 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.: Arlington Clubhouse, 1120 Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito. Chi Kung. Through Nov. 29: Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. Castro Clubhouse, 1420 Norvel. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Community Services: Basketball: Tuesdays through Nov. 7. Ages 7-14 years are welcome to play during the hours of 4-5:30 p.m.: Drop in tickets are 8 tickets for \$26.00, 4 tickets for \$14.00, and drop in is \$5.00. Girls Basketball Clinic: Every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. for grades 4 through 9. Coaches will be assisting girls in individualized attention including ball handling, shooting defense, and offensive plays. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

Future Euroleaders: Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.: I-House will co-sponsor a panel with four young Europeans who are preparing to assume leadership roles in their respective countries. Ryszard Faszynski, from Poland; Frank Lindscheid and Annette Ramelsberger, from Germany; and Gerbert van Loenen, from the Netherlands. 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. 642-9490.

Jitterbug Club: Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy Society supporting the flourishing of the Lindy (original swing dance). 486-0202.

Mostly Ghostly: Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.: A special program of multicultural storytelling for adults as told by the members of the Mixed Bag Story Swap

group. Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue. 644-6880.

Holiday Boutique: Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Members of the East Bay Heritage Quilters will have quilts, gift baskets, cards, ornaments, pillows, jewelry, etc., etc. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany.

Philately Meeting: For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month. 7:30 p.m.: Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

Silly Shakes: Nov. 4, 8 p.m., Nov. 5, 2 p.m., and Nov. 11, 2 and 8 p.m.: TheatreFIRST presents a bevy of bastardized Bardisms and biting biography brought to bear upon the boards. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 436-5085.

Swimming in El Cerrito: Outside fall and winter swimming at the El Cerrito Swim Center. Lap swim hours available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday call the 24 hour voicemail message 273-9096 for hours and fees. Specialized swim lessons are available on a private lesson basis, times vary depending upon your schedule. One on one lessons for adults who fear the water, triathlon workouts, stroke mechanics, cross training workout plans and much more. El Cerrito Swim Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

Cody's: Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Dan Millman will read and discuss *The Laws of Spirit: Simple, Powerful Truths for Making Life Work*; Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.: Rand and Robyn Miller will read from *MYST: The Book of Astrus*; Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Laura Lederer will discuss *The Price We Pay: The Case Against Racism, Speech, Hate Propaganda, and Pornography*; Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.: Melvin Oliver with *Black Wealth/White Wealth: A New Perspective on Racial Inequality*; Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.: David Feldman will read from his newest Imponderables book, *What Are Hyenas Laughing At, Anyway?*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Graduate School of Journalism: Nov. 7, 5 p.m.: Regents' Lecture: "Historical Documentary Film" by documentary film maker Jon Else. North Gate Hall, at Hearst and Euclid. 642-3383.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's south Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

Honoring Elders: Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.: An evening with Studs Terkel and Jessica Mitford in "Coming of Age". Berkeley Community Theater, Allston Way & Milvia, Berkeley. 848-6767.

Marquetry Class: For beginners; every Tuesday 10 - noon at the Berkeley Adult School. Open to anyone 50 or older; for more info visit St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave & Garber St., Berkeley.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees : Oct. 24, 1 p.m.:

Meeting with presentation entitled, "Health Care for Senior Citizens." Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany.

Rehabilitation Loan: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.: RAF Mortgage is offering a weekly seminar for homebuyers and investors on how to purchase and rehab "fixers" using the 203K loan. 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 528-0767.

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

Two Left Feet School of Dance: Nov. 3, 7-9 p.m.: Time to sign up our 7th or 8th grader for monthly social dance classes beginning Friday, Nov. 3, at Veterans Hall in Albany. 525-8491 or 415-456-3042.

Teeter Tots Program: The City of El Cerrito is offering to residents and non-residents alike a continuing program that introduces tots to gradual social skills buildings. Sharing, taking turns, and using words are the focus of this program. Ages 21 months to 3.5 years: 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito; Ages 3.5 to 5 years: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Casa Cerrito Program, 6927 Portola, El Cerrito. Contact Judie Bellotti at 215-4371.

Who Elects Whom? Nov. 2, noon: The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville presents a lecture and discussion to discuss proportional representation which is on the Albany ballot in '96, and would drastically effect or eliminate district elections if enacted in Berkeley. 843-8824.

YWCA: Nov. 8, 10 a.m.: Learn about Turning Point's job search resources, experience how networking can aid in your job search and browse through Bay Area job listings. to reserve a space call 848-6370. 2001 Allston Way, Berkeley.

Exhibits

Judah L. Magnes Museum: "Fabrics of Life: Introduction to the Magnes Museum Summer Workshop" free slideshow of Italian Jewish art and life; "Extraordinary Californians"; through Nov. 5; 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Mediterranean Gallery: Through Nov. 3: Group show of original artworks by Bob Janelis, B.N. Duncan, Lisa Corradino, and Guy Colwell. Cafe Med., Telegraph Ave. between Haste and Dwight, Berkeley. 644-9819.

Multiple Abstractions: Through Nov. 19 with reception Nov. 12, 5 p.m.: Paintings and Drawings by the students of Elizabeth Hack. Just Desserts, 1823 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

National Institute of Art and Disabilities: Through Nov. 10. Naisads & Dryads. 551 23rd St., Richmond. 620-0290.

New Pieces: Nov. 4-30: An exhibition of quilts by S.F. quilt artist and musician Margaret Fabrizio entitled "Forte - Quilts

- Piano." Reception on Nov. 4, 5 p.m. with artist performing a concert at 8 p.m.: 1597 14th St., Berkeley. 527-6779.

Polish Pencil Art: Through Nov. 18: Artist Ireneusz Cisielny showing new black-and-white drawings. Cecile Moore, 1809D Fourth St., Berkeley.

Richmond Art Center: Nov. 18: Epistolary Postcard Correspondence with Patricia Hammond and Marilyn Lee. Dec. 22. Roots In Asia with works by Sono Ono and others. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond.

Support groups, etc.

American Association-Aliance for Ill. Nov. 8, 7 p.m.: A meeting for family members of mentally ill relatives who are trying to cope. Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue, Berkeley. 644-6880.

Alzheimer's and Aging Monday Enrichment Program: by the Claremont Center and fellowship; St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0243.

Avatar Toastmasters: 6:15 p.m.: Develop your public speaking and communication skills in a supportive environment with people who are new-age spiritually. Berkeley. 848-6510.

Bereavement Support: Individual grief counseling. 889-1104.

Solo Sierran: The Bay Chapter of the Sierran Club, 6040, offers a variety of outdoor, social activities; 652-4928.

Stroke Awareness: Wednesdays, 12 noon. Center, 846 Masonic Ave. 9502.

Turning Point: Support group for job seekers; self-assessment, direction program (\$11); includes two hours of life counseling; 2600 Bancroft. 848-6370.

Overeaters Anonymous: every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. meet at 8 a.m.: St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. 2nd floor, Berkeley. 735-8562.

Albany TOPS: The Sensibly support group. Monday morning, 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. meeting; 980 Albany.

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Candidates answer questions

Dawn Frasleur

Several questions were submitted concerning the proposed theater at the old Mayfair site adjacent to the El Norte BART parking lot and the El Cerrito City Council's Night hosted by the League of Women Voters. Among the questions were: "What are the reasons he supports the current EIR process. It was because residents expressed a wide range of views on the issue, 'from developer's proposal to nothing at all (to be developed on the site) and anything in between.'"

The EIR process, he said, is a way in which "we" can make an informed decision in the (larger context) of a community planning process about what if any project is good for El Cerrito. La Force also pointed out the limitations involved in only considering potential sales tax revenues — "one slice of the fiscal pie" — in looking at the project like the theater. He noted that developers sometimes can be leached to pay for extra services needed in the city but triggered by the development. If more police officers needed for security at a theater, for example, the developer might have to finance them as a mitigation for the project. (Cities often leverage major developers into improving infrastructure — street intersections, for example — as a mitigation for projects, but that's not the case here.)

La Force also said, "you don't just say 'a developer with an interesting idea.' La Force pointed to his history of working with Santa Fe over the Mayfair development and said he learned that working with a developer to get what the community wants is a far more profitable approach than immediately shutting the developer-financed EIR, he offers the city an "opportunity to make a decision" based on information analysis.

Bartke said he does not think a theater is necessarily bad for the area, but he is of the right size and type. "Maybe the EIR will show us what the right size is," he said. Bartke has several times indicated that a smaller theater at the proposed site would be preferred over a large one.

Stark has already made his decision on the theater. He repeated his belief that "this proposal is a way to go big and in the wrong way."

Again, however, Stark said any decision should be made in the context of a citizen-designed master plan for development that sets specific guidelines for the shape and scale of development throughout the city.

Through the theatre proposal has been the "hot" issue in the election, there are many other issues involved in governing a city, as the League moderator regularly pointed out. Questions submitted by the audience did address the range. Among them: One question asked about improvement of fire safety. Bartke and La Force stressed improvements made by the current council, including the banning of new wood shake and shingle roofs (and reroofs) in the Very High Severity Fire Zone (designated where residences interface with wildlands) and the new contract with Kensington that provides the entire community with more firefighters and allows El Cerrito "better control of the whole urban/wildland interface," as La Force put it.

Stark agreed that effective steps have been taken but questioned the fire department's judgement in some of its ground clearing practices: "I think we've overstepped in some cases," he said.

Another asked why parks are not better maintained. Like many communities, El Cerrito has come to rely on an Adopt-a-Park program for some park maintenance. Related was a question as to trees covering some street lights and why they had not been cleared.

Stark said he had the same questions. He believes the approximately \$750,000 raised by the Landscape and Lighting Assessment should go farther in such infrastructure maintenance and accused staff of not providing clear enough records to show how the money is being spent.

La Force noted that \$150,000 of the money goes automatically to PG&E for its lights, leaving \$480,000 for maintaining all of our parks. He pointed out that the \$72 assessment has not increased in seven years and noted that a new street tree pruning program has been implemented by the city's new maintenance supervisor, Mori Struve, in which the trees will be pruned every four years (except for those which are particular problems) and said he'd received many compliments on Struve's work.

Bartke said the four-year rotation and the five-year road improvement rotation were solid beginnings in making up for an infrastructure (that had) been ignored for 10 to 12 years before the current council came into office.

She also noted that "we have more parks than most" and referred to a survey made under Measure AA stating that \$6.5 million was then needed for fixing the city's infrastructure. Bartke encouraged calls to city hall on any lighting problems that should be reported to PG&E.

In response to a question on the improvement of mass transit, Stark said one short term solution was asking riders to pay fees for a transportation service run by Dial-a-Ride. In the long term, he committed himself to working with other jurisdictions to find regional transit solutions.

Bartke noted that Federal cuts have completely changed the public transportation picture and said she was waiting to see how a new approach to transit by BART and AC Transit will work.

La Force agreed and reiterated his interest in the use of San Pablo Avenue as a trolley corridor. He is interested in increasing Dial-a-Ride service in the city but said funding must be found for it.

In questions concerning senior and youth services, Stark again spoke to the need for teen services. He said finding ways for teenagers to volunteer in the community would be an important element.

La Force praised the services of the current senior center, particularly in its Alzheimer respite program, and the exemplary nature of the city's childcare programs. He also said the council would be looking at budget cuts in Washington D.C. to see how they might affect El Cerrito's senior services.

Bartke has been active in regional bodies working on increasing positive activities for youth and reducing violence. She also encouraged seniors to volunteer in schools, something much more common in the past.

When asked about large business development as opposed to small, Bartke said she wasn't sure why the current council has been labelled by some as "pro-development."

"Target was here before us," she said. "We did agree to recycling the PayNPak into a FoodsCo; I thought that was good recycling."

Bartke said the council has been accused of "Walmartizing." She said she doesn't even like Walmart and won't shop there. Her preference, she said, is the small shopping center like the Bank of the West plaza, of which El Cerrito has several.

La Force, who has several times been the lone negative council vote on larger proposed developments, said again he is not in favor of "big box retail" but cautioned using that term too loosely and not examining each proposal on its own merits. An EIR is critical in determining whether a project will work "even if you like it," he said.

Stark, who was not asked the question, said later that he personally believes large scale development to be inappropriate for El Cerrito. The important question, however, is "what do the citizens of El Cerrito as a whole feel about this issue?"

He said he would like to see a computerized imaging planning effort, like that recently proposed to the council by Sustainable El Cerrito for specific areas, made for the city as a whole. Using that method for envisioning different development possibilities, he said, "non-experts" can be helped to see how different plans would actually look in the El Cerrito of the future.

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Has redevelopment benefitted EC?

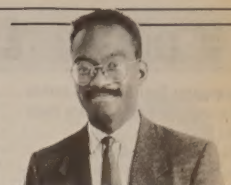
To what degree has redevelopment helped or hurt El Cerrito? While the answers are as mixed as the individuals one talks to, the judgment of the community could have a dramatic effect on the three-person race for two El Cerrito City Council seats. Incumbents Mayor Norman La Force and Councilmember Jane Bartke face a formidable challenge from Thom Stark. Stark has built his campaign around a stinging attack on redevelopment practices in this city. La Force and Bartke contend that Stark's charges that redevelopment must be "democratized" and that El Cerrito runs the risk of being "Manhattanized" are the product of one who does not understand the process and is ill-informed regarding planning efforts to date.

What is redevelopment?

Increasing the number of buildings in a California city or improving their value is a by-

product of the activities of redevelopment agencies—The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency (ECRA) is one of them. Like other organizations of its type, ECRA identifies a specific part of the city as being a "blighted" area, draws a boundary around it, then receives approval from the city council to collect property taxes from the land owners within the area. The ECRA floats bonds against the property tax money they think they will get in the future from the landowners. This is done via a math formula called Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

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Two years ago, the California legislature passed AB 1290. This See ABRAHAM, page 17

Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

A harvest of meetings ahead

Having surmounted the challenges of Halloween and homecoming, membership drives, potluck dinners, and ice cream sociability, we are plunging forward into a harvest of interesting meetings:

Raising Competent Girls. AMS PTA meets tonight, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Albany Middle School library. At 7:30 p.m. they will present the AAUW-sponsored workshop, "Raising Competent Girls."

As I wrote last week, this workshop helps people look at gender bias in the schools and at home.

There will be a short video showing classroom interactions, as well as discussion of the influence of toys, books, magazines, and TV on girls and boys.

Educational research shows ways that training in math, science, and sports affect children's development.

Workshop leaders Barbara Buswell and Linda Kekelis also offer practical suggestions for achieving gender fairness in school and at home. Interested parents and teachers from all Albany schools are invited to participate.

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Strike Up the Choir. Liz Engan, who taught a choir at Marin School last year, is offering a choir for sixth-through eighth-grade singers this year.

The one-hour-per-week rehearsals start Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Albany Community Center.

This class is sponsored by the San Francisco Early Music Society. Call Liz at 531-9625 for information on fees and dates.

Sound the Retreat. PTA Council will hold another retreat on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at Marin School. The retreat is open to all parents and teachers of Albany school children.

At retreats, we take time to discuss broader issues affecting education here in Albany. On Saturday we will prepare our contribution to the Board of Education's rewriting of its goals.

(A public hearing about the board's goals is scheduled for Nov. 14, at the board's regular meeting.) We will put together plans for a "town meeting" on education early next year.

We also expect that copies of the long-awaited "PTA Council Handbook," a guidebook about the Albany school district, will be available for those attending. (More about this next week.)

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It's Not Our Fault (It's Haywards'). Remember the motto from the Solano Stroll? The point remains: We need to prepare.

PTA Council's Disaster Preparedness Committee meets Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Marin School. (The group will meet regularly every second Tuesday of the month, at this location.)

Call Karen Carlson-Olson (524-7004) for more information.

Albany Special Ed Parent Support Group meets Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at Cornell library. Interested parents are welcome.

Marin PTA meets next Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

Holiday. Friday, Nov. 10, is the Veteran's Day holiday for the schools.

Coming Up. On Monday, Nov. 13, family therapist Sheri Glucoft Wong will present a discussion entitled "Getting to Know Your Third-, Fourth-, and Fifth-Grader."

The discussion will be held at Cornell School from 7:15 to 9 p.m. There will be refreshments and free child care thanks to the joint sponsorship of PTA Parent Education Committees at Cornell, Marin, and Vista-MacGregor.

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Desperate need sparks volunteer's commitment

Margaret Smith would rather talk about the Food Pantry than about herself.

Maybe it's because she has been so deeply involved with the emergency facility for so long, or that she feels so deeply about the help it gives to those in desperate need, or her admiration for the people who work with her, or just because she loves what she is doing.

The Food Pantry, which was started by GRIP (Greater Richmond Interfaith Program) later became "automatized" (did I just coin a phrase?). That was when it moved its operations to the Grace Lutheran Church, in Richmond, and that is when Betsy Worster, the director, came to the congregation and asked for volunteers. Margaret Smith was one of the volunteers.

Margaret laughs as she remembers that she volunteered to "work once in a while." She has since worked in the Food Pantry every Thursday for about 12 years. She explains that the Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and they have different crews for the two days.

Part of the Thursday crew, Margaret's job is "the door." She is the first contact with the client who comes in for emergency food. She takes the person's ID, and processes the referral. The rest of the crew fill the food boxes and give the client what she/he needs. They try to balance the food boxes nutritionally.

Smith outlines the way things are handled at the Food Pantry. The clients at one time had to be referred by a social agency. Now they are "self-referred." "We try not to turn anyone away," she says, somberly.

Since it is an emergency facility, the people who come in for food are really in need of immediate help. Usually it means that their funds have run

out before the end of the month or for some other reason they are unable to feed their family that day or for the next few days. Again, since it is emergency care, clients can only come in twice in a six-month period.

So the client calls in, makes an appointment, and comes in with a current ID, preferably with a picture, but it can be a medical card or even a piece of mail with a current address.

Smith says the restriction they must put on people make them very sad, but their funds are so restricted and the need is so great. And with tears in her eyes she speaks of people who, upon receiving a box, sit right down, tear open the bread and eat a piece of it immediately, quelling those hunger pangs that have brought them to the Pantry. She says the appreciation shown

the workers is great.

Another thing she has noticed is the Hispanic families who come in. After Proposition 187 was passed there was a sharp decline in Hispanics, as people were afraid to come in. Recently, however, with Prop. 187 still in the courts, and no dramatic crackdowns, the number of Hispanic families has increased, and the staff is pleased to know that they can help these people in need.

"It is mostly families," she says, sadly, "large families or a number of people living in a single household. Many are grandparents who are raising their grandchildren."

The need for funds in the Food Pantry is always great, so their November fund-raising efforts are vital to the agency.

But Margaret Smith is interesting in herself. Originally

from South Dakota, Smith and her husband came out here in 1949, so he could do graduate work at Stanford. That was after her stint in the WAC (Women's Army Corps). She speaks of her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe and her stationing at Fort Sam Houston, in Texas, where she taught military correspondence to soldiers going overseas. "I really enjoyed that whole experience," she says.

After his studies at Stanford, Margaret and her husband decided to stay in the area, and he went to work at Cal's Department of Health as a radiations surveillance chemist. Margaret worked as a secretary Elementary School, where "I enjoyed my contact with the children and the parents." Her goal, she says, was to know the name of every child in the school, and she did until she

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



found herself in a school with 800 children. Their two sons were born here.

She spoke of being one of nine children of a newspaper editor; of learning how to set print; and of going down to help fold the paper for distribution. "I learned a lot, and it helped me later in life," she says.

And, of course, she was active in PTA, in the Music Association and in her church. She is also a dedicated weaver, and finds it a great creative outlet.

An interesting lady, a busy lady, and a giving lady. It is so heartening to talk to someone so

dedicated. And the Food Pantry is lucky to have her. Now it's only their fund-raising that needs the needed money! Anyone interested in learning more about the Food Pantry, or donating to it, is invited to call them at 235-9732.

Thank you, Joan Hatt, for suggesting Margaret Smith as a Food Pantry. I love writing about people doing such fine work.

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County to hold AIDS hearing

Public input is requested on a new plan to prevent AIDS in Contra Costa County. The HIV Prevention Planning Group, individuals and organizations from throughout the county, has been working for a year to develop recommendations for preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS in our communities.

The planning Group has scheduled a Nov. 7 in Richmond in order to get community feedback on the proposed plans. All interested persons affected by AIDS are encouraged to participate.

"I don't want other families to go through what mine has," said co-chair Janet Bryan, a mother of four living with AIDS. "Our planning process has been successful because of the community participation. We really need public feedback to make sure that our recommendations fit with the needs of all communities."

According to Holly Scheider, Prevention Coordinator for the County Health Service Department's AIDS Program, the goals of the Planning Group have been to develop a long range HIV prevention plan and to increase public awareness of the ongoing community activities to prevent AIDS in Contra Costa County.

Among the recommendations found in the plan are HIV prevention strategies such as outreach and education to Contra Costans engaging in high risk behaviors including substance abuse and unsafe sex. "Additionally, we are encouraging social support networks and prevention case management," says Scheider, "we want communities to embrace HIV prevention as a priority and to act!"

"You have to reach people where they are, whether it's in groups of friends, on the street or in bars," says 23 year old co-chair Hector Morfin who became infected with HIV the first time he had sex. "I want to see more people out there to support young people, especially young gay men like myself, in feeling good about themselves and taking control of their lives."

The Nov. 7 meeting will take place at Unity Church, 351 28th Street, Rich. from 7 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Contra Costa County AIDS Program at (510) 313-6770.

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Candidates' Commentaries Election '95



Jane Bartke
El Cerrito City Council
Candidate, incumbent

The issue is democracy

Whether you oppose or support the proposed 3,886-seat, 20-screen AMC mega-theater at the Del Norte BART station, there is no denying it will permanently change both the scale of development in El Cerrito and the character of the Del Norte neighborhood. If ever there was a "landmark" proposal, the mega-theater qualifies. I believe it will produce such an enormous and far-reaching impact on our city that the only fair thing to do is to ask the citizens of El Cerrito to endorse or reject it by referendum vote.

My opponents disagree. They believe that the five members of the City Council are the only ones who should vote on the mega-theater.

When you set out to construct a house, you have to start with a detailed plan. Since, in the next 25 years we will rebuild much of El Cerrito, I believe we must come together to plan, as a community, the size, shape and character of the El Cerrito we wish to build over the next 25 years. This vision should then be translated into specific and highly detailed revisions of the General and Redevelopment Plans. The proposed revisions should then be submitted to a referendum vote to ratify them as representing the will of the



Thom Stark
El Cerrito City Council
Candidate, challenger

majority of El Cerrito citizens. This will clarify for future developers and the El Cerrito City Council and staff which kinds of development and redevelopment proposals we residents welcome and which kinds we reject. At the same time, it will also eliminate many future battles over specific development and redevelopment proposals and allow us to reduce bureaucratic obstacles to the kinds of development our majority vision encourages.

My opponents believe that the City Council alone should make these decisions. I believe that defining what our city will become is too important to be left to the divisive, piecemeal process which brought us the AMC mega-theater proposal.

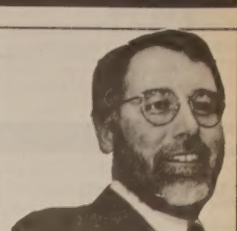
The issue is democracy. If you believe, as I do, that we, the citizens of El Cerrito, deserve to decide the kind of city we will build now and for the future, I ask for your vote.

Making government work for you

The newspaper has offered each of us running for city council an opportunity to provide one last campaign statement. I have a hunch though that readers of this paper already have a good idea of who I am. Over the course of the past 10 months, I have informed people about the city issues. I thought it important in writing those articles to focus on substantive issues, providing information to you on the issues and on how the city has handled them. In those articles I have laid out the facts and discussed the issues in what, I trust, people consider to be an honest and open manner.

Last week I had the opportunity to provide you with a candidate statement that summarized my past four years in office and my record. I am not sure I can add much more to what I have already said.

I am deeply troubled by the last minute negative campaign that Thom Stark has launched against both Jane Bartke and me. We have all seen this kind of campaign in other elections, but the last time El Cerrito experienced it was in 1985 when there was a last minute negative campaign against Jean Siri, a dedicated community leader and environmentalist. It is easy to take statements out of context and twist good motives into appearing as sinister ones. All I can do is trust in the good judgment of the voters that they will see through this



Norman La Force
El Cerrito City Council
Candidate, incumbent

campaign practice.

I have tried to do what is good for El Cerrito. A good example is the issue of the theater complex/mixed use development at Del Norte. I have found that the vast majority of residents like the concept of a theater at the site, but are not sure what its size should be. I had the same problem, as did my colleagues on the city council.

That is why we set up a process to get the information about the benefits and impacts of various sized theater complexes or doing nothing at all so we could make an informed decision based on facts and reason. That process includes providing residents with that information and getting their input. With that information we can decide whether something positive can be done with sites that will benefit the city.

That method and process seems to me to be an essential element of representative democracy. It is the approach I have taken to all issues as a member of the city council because that is how we make government work for us, and my desire as a city councilmember is to make our city government work for you.

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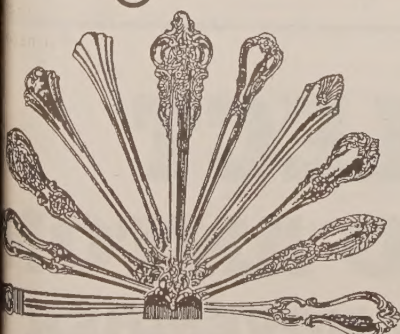
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Health Talk

Diabetes: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

by Judith Albright, RN

Nearly 2.2 million Californians have diabetes, a serious disease that can cause a variety of devastating complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and circulatory problems leading to amputation. And yet many of these men and women don't even know they have diabetes, or that their health is being threatened. Too often, people assume that fatigue, frequent urination, sores that won't heal, and even strokes are simply the inevitable consequences of aging. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Diabetes occurs either when the body doesn't have enough insulin, or when the body becomes resistant to the action of insulin, a chemical produced in the pancreas that helps the muscles use blood sugar, or glucose, for energy. When the muscles can't get enough glucose, the result is fatigue, hunger, extreme thirst, weight loss, and eventually all of the other more devastating consequences of diabetes.

There are actually two types of diabetes. Type I diabetes, also called insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), or juvenile onset diabetes, develops most often in young children or adolescents. Type II diabetes, also called non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM) or adult-onset diabetes is a different disease, with similar symptoms and health consequences. In this type of diabetes, which accounts for 90% of all cases, you may have normal levels of insulin in your system and more than enough blood sugar, but for reasons that aren't well understood, your muscles become resistant to insulin's action; they don't get the energy they need, and literally starve in the midst of plenty.

Many people believe, mistakenly, that this is a "mild" form of diabetes. But that's a myth. There is no "mild" form; you either have diabetes or you don't. And if you have it, it's vital that you find out by having your blood sugar tested, particularly if you have any of the risk factors for adult onset diabetes. You are at greater risk if:

- you're over 50,
- you are overweight,
- you are sedentary,
- you are African American, Hispanic, or Native American,
- a close relative has diabetes.

Quite often, type II diabetes can be treated effectively with lifestyle changes such as exercise, weight loss, and diet changes, along with close monitoring of blood sugar levels. Medications can also be used to increase insulin sensitivity if more conservative measures don't work.

So don't let what you don't know hurt you or your loved ones. If you have any risk factors for diabetes, and certainly if you have any of the symptoms, see your physician for an evaluation.

Join us for a free seminar, "What You Don't Know Can Hurt You," through Summit Health Access. **WHO:** Judith Albright, RN, diabetes educator, will discuss diabetes, and what you need to know to treat it and prevent complications. **WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 am - 11:30 am **WHERE:** The Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne Avenue. If you'd like more information about the lecture, please call Summit Health Access at (510) 869-6737.



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Multimedia Notes

Abandon all hope, all ye who enter here

BOO!: Here are our annual Halloween Scary Headlines from the sometimes scary world of broadcasting. **Important Legal Notice:** Those with heart conditions and/or serious medical conditions should avert their eyes back to the classifieds:

KOFY Owner Gabbert to Give Dogs Own Afternoon Talk Show

KQED's 'This Week in Northern California' Names KGO's Bernie Ward as New Moderator

Channel 7 Announces Prime-Time Special: 'Pete Giddings Presents: My Favorite Kids' Drawings'

NBA Adopts Year-Round Schedule

Barbara Walters, Larry King to Co-Conduct First Full-Length O.J. Interview A's New Manager: Steve Garvey

Al Davis Demands Own Permanent Monument in Coliseum Outfield

New A's Play-by-Play Announcer: Ralph Barbieri Howard Stern Named to FCC Ricki Lake Show Extended to Two Hours

KPIX Radio Adopts All-Dr. Laura Format

KNBR's Pete Franklin Gets 10-Year Contract Extension Johnnie Cochran Named New Host of "Straight Talk For Teens."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Latest casualty of the KGO-TV revolving door is eight-year Channel 7 veteran and East Bay bureau chief Marty Gonzales, who's been told his contract won't be renewed in January. KGO news director Milt Weiss continues to replace Channel 7 vets with his own people. But one recent casualty — the list is growing longer — **Carolyn Tyler**, still has a job, at least. Tyler lost her weekend anchor spot to a woman from Grand Rapids, but has accepted Weiss' offer of a reporting job "because I've just gotten married and I don't want to leave the Bay Area." So, is all this job uncertainty at 7 why veteran 5:00 anchor **Cheryl Jennings** was spotted in both the Channel

5 and Channel 2 newsrooms last week? Hey, just asking ... Sources say that Channel 5 morning weatherman **Bill Martin** thought he had a deal all wrapped up to replace the retired **Pat McCormick** on KTVU's 10:00 newscast early next year. Then Channel 5's brass said wait a minute, we have the right to match any KTVU offer. Our lawyers will be in touch. When I asked KTVU general manager **Kevin O'Brien** about these threats, I got a terse "no comment." For the first time in 10 years. Hearing a "no comment" from quotemeister O'Brien is like the late **Greta Garbo** calling a press conference. Martin told me late last week "this getting up at 3 a.m. is killing me. I'm hopeful everything will be worked out and I can go to KTVU. They've been great to me at KPIX, and, yes, they do have first right of refusal." ... Hmm. Let's see. The A's let **Tony LaRussa** get away, cut the first-rate **Lon Simmons** loose, and make disparaging remarks about the players. Think these guys might be planning a move? To baseball-deprived Sacramento, perchance?

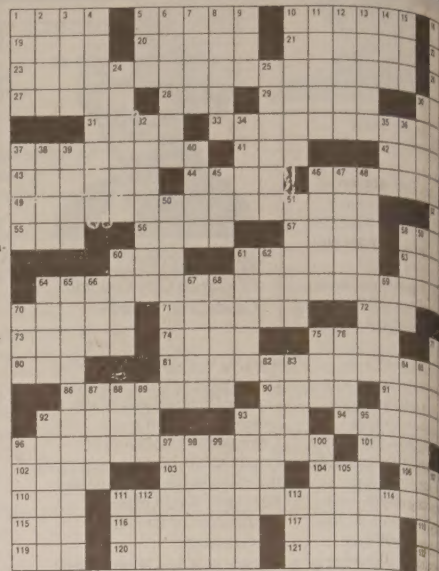
Long-time Piedmont resident (now living in Sebastopol) and former Tribune Exec Editor **Roy Aarons** is on a roll: This week's he'll receive the Journalist of the Year award from NorCal's Society of Professional Journalists; he'll address the Commonwealth Club in S.F. on Nov 28; his book, "Prayers for Bobby" is in its third printing and is atop the national gay best-seller list; and his recent conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in Washington was addressed by several network bigwigs including **Cokie Roberts** and was carried on C-Span. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy ... Speaking of cyberspace again, point your Netscape Web Browser to the new issue of Songline Studios' Web Review at <http://gnn.com/gnn/wr/index.html> You'll find cybershock! You'll find virtual humor! "Bill Mann and His Short Attention Span" is about 10 minutes long — probably about eight minutes TOO long — and can be heard in RealAudio (a free program). The hottest thing on Internet radio since the audio version of

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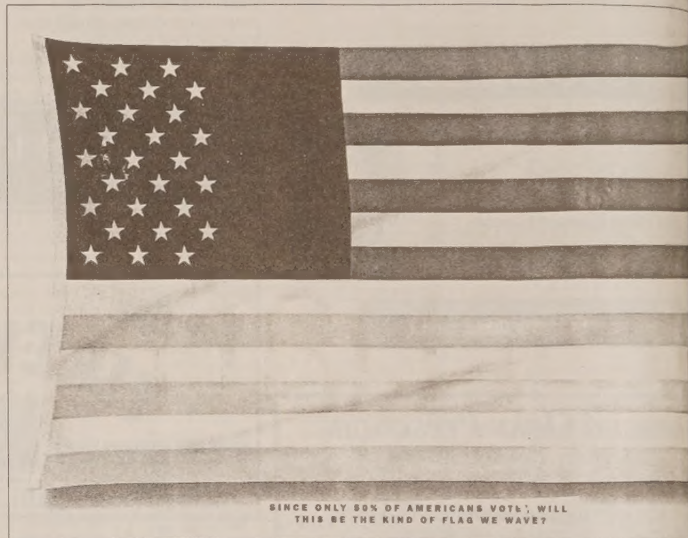
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the Wall Street Journal's Feeder Cattle futures ...

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Determining rates besides ratings are a show's demographics, the evening, its lead-in, and other factors. I thought you might like to see the rates some of them are pulling down for a 30-second spot:

- "The Simpsons" — \$200,000
- "60 Minutes" — \$205,000
- "Dweebs" (CBS, Fridays) — \$90,000
- "Friends" — \$400,000
- "Frasier" — \$305,000
- "Roseanne" — \$225,000
- "48 Hours" — \$100,000
- "X-Files" — \$160,000
- "Monday Night Football" — \$385,000
- "Jeff Foxworthy" (Saturdays, ABC) — \$80,000
- "Home Improvement" — \$475,000
- "Dateline NBC" — \$100,000
- "E.R." — \$390,000



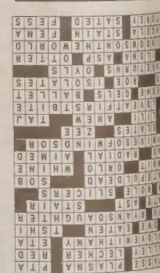
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Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

New Member — Accounting Solutions for Business

Accounting Solutions for Business helps businesses choose accounting programs, helps to set up and train to use certain they are used properly, according to owner Mary Jane Boucher. She also provides supervisory service for a business has its computer program. Periodically, she visits the business to make certain the program is being used properly and that the accounting records are on track. Often it involves teaching accounting or bookkeeping principals in order to understand what is to be done, answering questions and correcting errors if necessary. "I do regular software demonstrations," Boucher said. "People can contact me if they want to find out whether or not the software available meets their needs." Boucher works primarily with QuickBooks, MYOB and BusinessWorks accounting software. She is currently developing classes in MYOB and QuickBooks. Boucher has acted as a consultant to Intuit, the developer of QuickBooks, on an upcoming product. Starting as a bookkeeper 11 years ago, Boucher chose Solano Avenue in Albany for

her business location, for its safe and comfortable area that supports small businesses.

In her leisure time, with her husband Jim Irwin, a technical publications manager for WindRiver Systems, they like to read, hike, cook, swim and bird-watch.

Her business is located at 1323 Solano Ave., #204; phone 527-8850.

Kathie Muhler Passes Series 6 and 63 Licenses

Kathie Muhler (Complete Tax Solutions) recently passed Series 6 and Series 63 licenses with the National Association of Securities Dealers and has become a registered representative for the H.D. Vest Securities Company. She is now able to sell securities for retirement plans and education funding utilizing mutual funds and variable annuities. Muhler will soon reopen an Albany office. Phone (415) 508-0811 for information.

Race prizes sought

It is time to seek major prizes for Albany Day at the Races' 26th anniversary, to be scheduled for early March of next year. The Albany Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation and generosity of Golden Gate Fields,



Mary Jane Boucher, Accounting Solutions for Business

provides the opportunity for Albany's non-profit organizations, such as seniors, child care facilities, school groups, youth sports, patriotic groups, handicapped, underprivileged and service clubs, to generate funds through a drawing of donated prizes.

A sample of prizes donated last year included several \$50 and \$100 cash, free cable for a year, U.S. Savings Bonds, Seiko watch, \$10 gold coin, champagne brunches, gift certificates, Starter jacket, safety alarms and many more. U.S. Savings Bonds make a

great donation, as the donor pays only half price of maturity. A \$100 bond costs but \$50. Early donors for 1996 are Albany Automotive, Albany Ford Service, Bears and Baubles, Sumitomo Bank, and Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods.

The Chamber of Commerce needs contributions or pledges by Monday, Nov. 30, as 250 window posters and 10,000 tickets with the donor of prizes on each will be printed in December. (See sample of ticket enclosed.) There will also be publicity in local newspapers. If a restaurant

wishes to donate lunches, brunches or dinners, we ask for a certificate for four or two certificates for a party of two.

We are planning, as in past years, that for each retail donation of \$250 or more, the donor will be given a quarter-page ad in Albany Day's racing program.

Since Golden Gate Fields receives no monetary compensation, all ticket money collected is given to the groups selling tickets.

Advise the Chamber of a contribution early as space is limited on tickets. Chamber of Commerce address is 1108 Solano Ave. and the phone number is 525-1771.

Frank Knapp Night for Post 292

Benefitting the rehabilitation hospitals in the area, the American Legion Post 292 will sponsor Frank Knapp Night, Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Veterans Memorial Building, with cocktails beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Frank and Lucille Knapp started this benefit over 35 years ago at the bar on San Pablo Avenue, giving all proceeds to rehabilitate veterans.

The Knapps are now deceased but the Post carries on this tradition each November, raising money to give to the hospitals to rehabilitate veterans.

The dinner consists of salad, roll, Swiss steak, fresh vegetables, mashed potatoes, and a great dessert prepared by Gus Graben. Post members will do the cooking. The price is \$10 per person for dinner and dancing to live music. There will be a drawing for a television, \$100 bill and many other great prizes.

Both dinner and drawing tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave.

Reservations may be made through the Chamber: Roy Holland, 526-2891; Keith Traux, 526-4487; Ian Ball, 525-5230; or Sam Turner, 526-0837.

Hannukah book fair set

EL CERRITO — Get set, this year the Tehiyah Day School Hannukah Book Fair is coming in November for four days:

Nov. 8, Wednesday, noon - 4 p.m.;
Nov. 9, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Nov. 10, Friday, noon - 4 p.m.;
Nov. 13, Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Hannukah Book Fair is being held early enough this year to offer shoppers a chance to do their Hannukah shopping before the holiday rush. The Tehiyah Hannukah Book Fair provides a wonderful selection of general and Judaic children's books, a wide variety of holiday decorations, hanukiyot, candles, small gift items, and plenty of novelties.

The Hannukah Book Fair is held during Jewish Book Month to entice all book lovers to preview and to purchase newly-published books, old favorites, and holiday gifts.

The Judaica selections will appeal to all reading levels and interests from the youngest pre-reader to the scholar. The general books will include a rich choice of classics, prize winners, fiction, biographies, adventure, science, nature, crafts, and mysteries for kindergarten through middle school students.

The Tehiyah Parent Organization invites everyone to come by and enjoy the Hannukah Book Fair by stocking up early on good books for gift-giving and for your own reading pleasure.

Tehiyah Day School is located at 2603 Tassajara Ave. (at Barrett), El Cerrito.

Directions: Take San Pablo exit (after MacDonald exit) from Highway 80; right turn onto San Pablo Avenue; first left turn onto Barrett; up the hill one mile and left turn onto Carquinez; right into the school parking area.

For more information, contact Joyce Ahern at 233-3013.

Obituary

Hal Wood

A memorial service was held for Hal Wood at Northbrae Community Church on Oct. 21. Hal, who was 84, and had lived in Albany for 53 years, passed away Oct. 14.

A retired employee of the University of California, Hal leaves his wife, Betty, two daughters, Bethann O'Brien of Anaheim and Edith Harvath of Buena Park, and three grandchildren, Wendy Wiley of Albany and Michael and Michelle Harvath of Seattle.

An avid sports fan, Hal was a baseball star during his college years at San Francisco State, going on to play in the minor leagues.

Concentrating on golf later in life, he and Betty played in many tournaments and brought home a large number of trophies.

Cards was another interest of Hal's, and he could be found playing bridge every Monday afternoon at the Berkeley Women's City Club.

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St. Mary's-El Cerrito: It'll be huge

Gauchos
peak at
night time

Rock Division

El Cerrito	4-0	7-0-1
St. Mary's	4-1	7-1

Panthers' offense
kicks in — finally

John Gardella
The El Cerrito High
played a game with so
the outcome was
ago. Its opponent then
the same team the Gauchos
at home Friday, the St.
Panthers.
Gauchos won that contest,
finished the season with an
8-2 record, yet failed to
playoffs.
Things tend to happen
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Cerrito coach Frank Milo
this week. "I try not to
the playoff picture. But
where you want to be at this
season, and we are fully

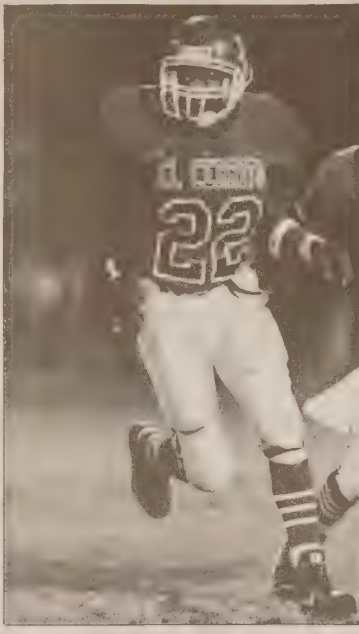
Gauchos (7-0-1, 4-0)
have a half-game lead over
St. Mary's (7-1, 4-1) in the
Contra Costa Athletic
Rock Division. Friday's
(7:30 p.m.) is the game of the
week.

region championship and an
playoff berth in the North
Division playoffs are what's
this time around. An EC
would clinch a division title
and give them one
Automatic NCS bids.
Automatic bid goes to the
of the Stone Division. A
team would win in a large
voted in by the league

St. Mary's victory would give
the teams one league loss.
This is the Panthers' final
game — they wrap up the
season with a non-league
week against College
means the Panthers, by
winning the tie-breaker over
to win the division and
a playoff berth.

St. Mary's loss, but wins its final
game next week against Al-
the Gauchos would fin-
only one league loss; yet,
because of an at-large bid.
Because Stone co-leaders
Bishop O'Dowd each
one league loss. Pied-
mont O'Dowd earlier in the
all enjoys the tie-breaker
O'Dowd if both end the season
records. O'Dowd handed
his only loss, 20-16.

St. Mary's ends with these
losses having only one league
loss. O'Dowd would win
the El Cerrito, since it would



Two of the East Bay's best runners: St. Mary's Norman Hayes, left, and EC's Antoine Lacy, will face off Friday.

be the only team not to have beaten one of the other top three ACCAL squads.

This is going to be a game of contrasting styles — the Gauchos's high-octane attack vs the Panthers' grinding, ball-control running game. Both teams are stingy on defense. The Gauchos allow 11.8 points a game, and the Panthers surrender a microscopic 6.6 per contest.

"St. Mary's is a good football team," Milo said. "They have a very aggressive defense and special teams."

EC is the top of- fensive team in the ACCAL, averaging 341.2 yards per game. Last week, in a non-league win over Mission San Jose, the Gauchos racked up 461 yards, scored 42 first-half points, and rolled to a 55-13 win. They averaged 40.8 points per game, and have scored over 50 points three times, including the last two weeks.

The Gauchos are led by running back Antoine Lacy (920 yards, 9.1 per carry, 11 TDs), quarterback George Phillips (56.6 pct., 14 TDs,

2 int), and wide receiver Jamaal Cotright (26.1 yards per catch, 7 TDs).

That offensive firepower is going to go up against a Panthers defense which has limited opponents to 920 rushing yards and 885 throwing yards, pitching four shutouts in the process. Offensively, the Panthers are almost exclusively a run team.

Their spark plug is senior running back Norman Hayes (952 yards, 12 TDs). He and team-mates Nathan Frapp and Rashad Slocum

carry the ball on almost every play. St. Mary's has rushed for 1,396 yards, and thrown for only 345, with over half of its aerial yards, 179, coming last week against Salesian. El Cerrito has the best run defense in the ACCAL, allowing 96 yards.

The game may be decided on whether the Panthers are able to move the ball on the ground against the Gauchos defensive line.

'Strange things
tend to happen
in this league.'

—FRANK MILO
EL CERRITO COACH

STANDINGS & RESULTS
ACCAL Football

	League	Overall
Rock Division		
El Cerrito	4-0	7-0-1
St. Mary's	4-1	7-1
Salesian	2-3	4-4
De Anza	2-3	5-3
Albany	1-3	1-7
Stone Division		
Piedmont	5-0	6-1-1
Bishop O'Dowd	4-1	7-1
Alameda	2-2	3-5
Encinal	1-3	3-5
Kennedy	1-3	1-6
Richmond	0-5	2-6

Weekend Football

Friday, Nov. 3 —
Salesian at Albany 3 p.m.
St. Mary's at El Cerrito
7:30 p.m.
Berkeley at Antioch
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4 —
Washington State at Cal
12:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 5
Raiders at Cincinnati 1 p.m.



QB Will Atkins will have to be on top of his game Friday if Jackets are to make playoffs.

The St. Mary's High football team could have easily looked beyond Salesian Saturday; underestimating their opponents as they concentrated on Friday's clash with El Cerrito, which enjoys a one-game lead over the Panthers in the Alameda-Contra Costa League's Rock Division.

But, if it had done that, and been upset by the Chieftains, the outcome of the EC game (at EC 7:30 p.m.) would be insignificant.

Instead, the Panthers (7-1, 4-1 ACCAL) sent EC a message at Salesian's expense, scoring on their first four possessions enroute to a 34-12 ACCAL victory.

"We don't bypass any opponents," junior running back Rashad Slocum said. "We focus on the game at hand and take care of business."

very much of during their first eight games. In fact, until Saturday's game, quarterback Dane Koths had attempted only 46 passes and completed just 15 for 154 yards.

Against Salesian, though, the senior QB was 7-for-13 for 164 yards and two TDs.

Koths connected with Ben Gerbacio on an 18-yard score on the Panthers' first possession, and then, he and Nathan Frapp joined up on a 62-yard score to close out the first half. Slocum had his two touchdowns sandwiched between the aerial scores.

Hayes, who rushed for 64 yards, including a 35-yard TD on the Panthers' first possession in the second half, exited early, as did all of St. Mary's regulars. By the time Salesian scored midway through the

If Saturday's offensive display was a coming out party for St. Mary's, EC may have more to worry about than in which direction Hayes will run.

Slocum was certainly focused, scoring two first-half, rushing touchdowns, then switching to defense and recovering a second-quarter fumble, setting up the Panthers' fourth score of the first half.

With two games left in league play for EC and one for the Panthers, a St. Mary's win means Friday's match-up will determine which team wins the Rock title. It also will cast serious playoff doubt for the loser.

The impressive aspect of St. Mary's victory over the Chieftains was that it racked up 27 first-half points without the aid of running back Norman Hayes, the Panthers' first, second and third option on offense and one of the East Bay's best running backs.

St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy said Hayes was indirectly an offensive factor because the Chieftains focused exclusively on him, and that allowed other options to present themselves to a St. Mary's team that relies heavily on Hayes and his straight-ahead power running.

"They (Salesian) were so preoccupied with trying to contain Hayes that we were able to run other plays," Shaughnessy said. "It opened up other things for us."

"Other things" included passing, something the Panther's hadn't doubt

third quarter, Shaughnessy was using his bench players. As usual, the Panthers' were tough on defense, intercepting Chieftains QB Corey Ott two times and causing five fumbles, recovering two. If Saturday's offensive display was a coming out party for a St. Mary's offense which ranks seventh in the ACCAL, averaging 217.6 yards per game, then the EC coaching staff may have more to worry about than just in which direction Hayes will run.

For the first time, the Panthers' threw for more yards (179) than they ran (162). They scored more than 20 points for just the second time.

If, on the other hand, Saturday's diversified offense was an aberration, then the Panthers' may be in trouble. They'll be playing an El Cerrito team ranked fifth in the ACCAL in defense, a team that allows just 96 rushing-yards.

If St. Mary's beats EC and the teams finish the season in a tie, the Panthers' would own the tie-breaker. Since Piedmont and Bishop O'Dowd have only one loss, and only three teams from the ACCAL advance to the playoffs, it's possible that a team with only one loss would fail to make the playoffs.

John Gardella

Berkeley says adios to BVAL

Scott Kaplan

Berkeley High football team
this last Bay Valley Ath-
letic League game Friday:
a contest whose
importance for
the Jackets tran-
scends their sen-
timents toward
a league that
flat-out

Friday night at 7:30 the
are scheduled to travel to

Antioch to take on the Panthers, in a game which will determine the BVAL's third and final entry into the North Coast Section 3A play-offs.

The game will be Berkeley's last in the BVAL as it was voted out in a controversial move by coaches and administrators. The Jackets will participate in the East Bay Athletic League commencing next season.

"We'll be up for the challenge," said Tuiasosopo, anticipating Friday's clash. "Antioch's a good team, they run a good program out there and coach (Mike) Paul does a

wonderful job."

Luckily for Berkeley, the Jack- ets have appeared to hit stride, having won three of their last four league games. Last Friday Berkeley (5-3 overall, 3-2 BVAL) took care of host Pinole Valley, 24-14.

The Jackets were never able to blow the Spartans out, due primarily to 85 yards in penalties and six fumbles (all of which they recovered).

One would think those sort of blunders would be a thing of the past as we're some eight weeks into See BVAL, page 13

Bad call adds to Albany's weird '95

By Scott Kaplan

Normally, attributing a loss to the officials is rather lame as it diverts the focus away from the actual play. However, there are those exceptions when the zebras severely blow it and last Friday Albany was a blatant victim of a major gaffaw.

Trailing, 25-20, with 3:40 left to visiting De Anza, the Cougars encountered a third-and-16 predicament. On the play, Albany quarter-back Burlin Germany dropped back

to pass and launched a bomb down at around the Cougars 25 intended for receiver Dante Troupe. Both Troupe and Dons defensive back

Ramond Harris caught the ball simultaneously and once the two hit the turf, Harris snatched the ball away.

DeAnza
25
Albany
20

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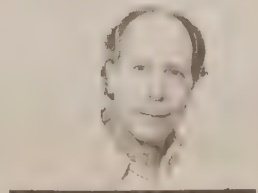
La Russa was pushed out, along with the scrap metal

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for the A's dynasty, is
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in baseball, and now
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who knows what comes
Steve Schott and

Ken Hofmann, whoever they are, would like you to believe that La Russa ran out on the A's. This is clearly not the case.

Schott and Hofmann wanted him out, and if this isn't true let one of them stand up and offer a convincing rebuttal. "Tony felt they didn't want him," a source in the organization told me. "They made it sound like he left, not that they pushed him out. But you don't cut the payroll and keep a manager who's making \$1.6 million."

Someone else in the organization



Lowell Cohn

told me, "These guys had their knees to Tony's back and were pushing him out the door."

The new owners did not want to pay La Russa's salary, although Wally Haas would have been responsible for half of it. Even so, \$800,000 is more than Schott and Hofmann care to invest in a manager when their players next season will be worth a buck and a half.

They also do not believe La Russa did a good job the last three years. Schott and Hofmann looked at the standings and noticed, gee whiz,

the A's finished under .500 three years in a row. Then they reached a startling conclusion: The man can't manage.

Right. And Picasso couldn't paint.

A few words in defense of La Russa, not that he needs them — he's the best manager in the business. In the season just completed the A's finished last in the American League West at 67-77. You know what a strange season it was — Mark McGwire getting hurt and missing a bunch of games, ditto for

Mike Gallego, Dave Stewart retiring, The Village Idiot (Ruben Sierra) making a fuss and then getting traded, and the guy they got for him (Danny Tartabull) being damaged goods. But, hey, forget all that.

after good players, that it would spend enough money to make the team competitive. The responses he got were vague, and he reluctantly concluded that Schott and Hofmann see the A's as a business investment, not a baseball enterprise. There's a difference, you

See COHN, page 13

Jackets volleyballers can grab a playoff spot with win today

By Gray Cathrall

The volleyball race in the BVAL couldn't be tighter, and Berkeley may be in the perfect position to lay claim to at least a co-championship and an automatic North Coast playoff berth.

Third-place Carondelet (8-3) upset previously undefeated Monte Vista last Thursday, setting up a showdown today at Monte Vista with Berkeley, currently 9-2.

Said BHS coach Brian Thomason, "We use a lottery system in the BVAL, and Monte Vista didn't attend the preseason coaches meeting. We drew No. 5 and they were No. 7, so if we end the season tied with them at 10-2, Berkeley will go to North Coast."

Berkeley's success against

Monte Vista will depend on consistent setting by Dana Byrd-Stubblefield, and strong hitting from the Yellowjackets' front line.

"Monte Vista has only two go-to hitters," said Thomason. "We have four: Alike Boggan, Emily Taufa, Deanna Sayles and Angela Jackson. Time and again they can put it away."

In preparation for its biggest game of season and the final game of the league schedule, Berkeley swamped Pittsburg last week, 15-2, 15-9, 15-2, and swept aside Pinole Valley in four games Tuesday. Boggan had 10 kills,

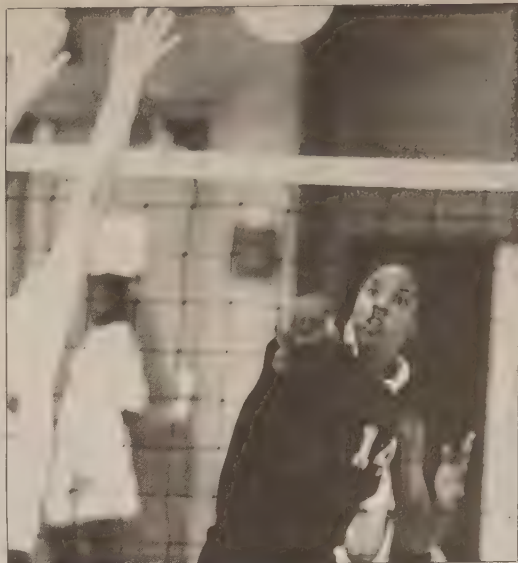
Taufa had eight, and Sayles totaled six against Pinole Valley. Brooklyn Williams and Byrd-Stubblefield provided key service

points, each serving five aces.

As an additional warmup for the Monte Vista match, the Yellowjackets played four matches at last weekend's tournament at Bishop O'Dowd. They lost to College Prep, 2-1, then fell, 15-11, 15-13, to James Logan.

They began to get back on track with a 2-1 victory over a tenacious and well-coached University team, then lost to host O'Dowd, 15-12, 15-13.

"We were missing some key players," explained Thomason, "and we were trying a new defensive set. The loss to Logan was similar to College Prep: We didn't execute very well. We finally settled in with our new lineup in the second game against University."



Deanna Sayles is one of Berkeley's 'go-to' players.

Jeff Lundquist

The Red Devils beat 15-10, in the opener, Berkeley's athleticism on court play in the next 15-7, 15-4.

Sayles lit up the Devils with some power shots at the net. She teamed up with more Stephanie Carabon excellent blocks, and receiving end of Carabon's well-placed sets.

"Deonna started to show asked for, and led the way University," said Thomason.

Sayles and Williams the power game for against O'Dowd, Stubblefield, though ill the day, returned as Berkeley's setter.

"We're peaking at the right time," stated Thomason, "watching O'Dowd, they're the same as when we won our tournament at the beginning of the season."

Ott: 'My kids aren't cocky, they're very confident'

The three-year win streak of De La Salle's football team has grabbed all the attention, but very quietly, Albany's volleyball team has just completed its second straight year without losing a league match.

In winning 24 straight matches in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, the Cougars bettered their undefeated record from 1994 by shutting out all opponents, 3-0.

"We didn't lose one game the whole season, and only Holy Names and Bishop O'Dowd scored more than 10 points on us in a game," said Albany coach Konrad Ott.

"I'm very proud of that record. Last year we were 12-0, but we lost some individual games in our matches — two to Piedmont, two to O'Dowd, one to Holy Names and one to El Cerrito."

The Cougars, whose two-year record is a lofty, 60-7, 24-0 in ACCAL, are the top seed heading into next week's league playoffs, and potentially the No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the North Coast Section playoffs one week later.

In compiling a 30-4 record so far this year, the Cougars' only losses

came in tournaments in formats shorter than the regular season. They lost to O'Dowd in the Castro Valley Tournament, to Ukiah in the Berkeley Tournament, and to Napa and Sacred Heart at the huge Davis Tournament.

"In five-game match play, no one's tougher," Ott stated. "Our players have gotten a lot tougher mentally since the beginning of the season. But physically, they'll never get tired, even in matches that go to five games."

"Now that the league season is over, I think preparing for postseason is easier. It's all before you right now; it's what everyone looks for," he said. "My kids are not cocky, they're very confident. They know they have to prove themselves."

League Standings

Albany	10-0
Bishop O'Dowd	11-1
Holy Names	10-2
De Anza	7-3
Piedmont	6-4
St. Joseph	6-5
Alameda	6-5

—Gray Cathrall

Manierre, Burns lead Berkeley's harriers

A week after winning the JV cross country race against Carondelet, Berkeley freshman Lauren Manierre teamed up with soph Ashley Burns to sweep the top two places against Liberty and Pittsburg.

Manierre's winning time against Carondelet on a 2-mile course, was 13-minutes, 52-seconds.

Willie Carter, a soph, had a good run for the Yellowjackets in the Mariner Invitational at Hayward, placed 10th out of 73 runners in the frosh-soph race in 12:22.

A week ago he helped Berkeley's varsity defeat Pittsburg, 23-32, and even their season record in the BVAL to 3-3. Carter finished sec-

ond to Pittsburg's Joe Manchaca, running 19:48.

Last Thursday with Liberty and Pittsburg, junior Toby Perry led Berkeley to dominating wins over both schools in the JV race, as Berkeley's top five finished among the first six places. Perry won in 12:12. Tom Hitchner was third overall in 12:42, Ryan Phillips was fourth (13:14), Nick DiCostanzo was fifth (13:21), and Johannes Hourula placed sixth in 13:27.

Friday, Berkeley will host the BVAL championships, the final league meet of the season, at Pt. Pinole Regional Park beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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CAL DIGEST



Cal polo team falls, 10-5) continues to perform well, winning three dual meets last Friday, defeating BYU, 155-143, Washington State, 210-52, and Oregon State, 214-48, at Spieker. Among the top performances for the Bears included senior Larissa Herold, who won the 100 back (56.39) and 200 IM (2:07.17), and freshman Marilyn Chiang, who won the 50 (23.73), 100 (51.58) and 200 (1:50.59) freestyle. The Bears next travel to Champaign, Ill. to face Illinois, Illinois State and Penn State, Nov. 3-4.

Sour soccer season

Cal's men's soccer team (5-10-2, 1-6) wrapped up its Mountain Pacific Sports Federation season on a sour note, falling 4-2 at Stanford in the Bears final conference match. Freshmen John Browne and Raul Ornelas scored goals in the loss. The Bears hope to have a strong showing this week, as they wrap up the season at home against San Diego State on Friday, before traveling to Pacific Division champion UCLA on Sunday.

Volleyballers knock off another ranked team

The Cal women's volleyball team (10-11, 4-9) scored its second big upset of the season last weekend, knocking off No. 15 Arizona on the road, 15-6, 15-8, 15-12. It was the Bears second victory over a Top 25 opponent, and the first time since 1991 that Cal has defeated two ranked teams on the road in the same season. Cal defeated No. 18 Washington on Oct. 6 in Seattle. The Bears lost the second match of the road trip, falling to No. 13 Arizona State in Tempe, 20-18, 15-7, 15-5. Middle blocker Jenny Swart had 24 kills and 12 blocks on the weekend, while outside hitter Jessica Dinaberg had 26 kills, 21 digs and six blocks. This week, Cal hosts its final three home matches, beginning with a non-conference tilt Wednesday against San Francisco. Pac-10 play resumes this weekend, with the Bears hosting No. 6 Washington State on Friday and Washington on Saturday.

Pech brothers win tennis title

Berkeley Tennis Club's No. 1 junior league doubles team of Matt and Andre Pech, captured the doubles title Sunday at the Pro Kennex tournament in Alameda.

They defeated Brian Kim and Kevin Gee of Lakeridge Tennis Club (San Pablo), 6-4. On the way, they defeated the Barry-Marshall tandem from Oakland Hills, 6-0; Egon Brown and Matt Ahlberg of Head-Royce, 6-0; and beat Harbor Bay Club's Len Roberts and Brian Young, 6-3.

Claiming a share of the spotlight was King Junior High's Pat Hamilton, who won the No. 5 and 6 singles division with a 7-5 win over Max James of Piedmont Middle School.

Brandon Simmons, another King player, got to the finals of the No. 3 and 4 singles, before losing, 6-1, to Peter Schneider of Piedmont.

Amie Taguchi of Aztec Tennis Club in Berkeley, breezed past three opponents into the semifinals before losing to eventual singles champion Schneider.

Mavericks harvest title in Napa Valley

The newest and youngest competitive soccer team in Berkeley is a group of 9-year-olds which just returned from winning the St. Helena Soccer Jamboree.

The Under-10 Mavericks, part of the Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League, with players from Albany to Pinole and coached by Gil Chiquela, has also been chewing up the competition in District IV, with victories over Walnut Creek and Lamorinda.

Proving that a strong offense can win games, but a strong defense wins tournaments, the Mavericks swept through three opponents in the Napa Valley without allowing a goal.

The opener with the Napa Valley Titans started with a bang. Victor Oeja-Orozco lofted a beautiful shot over the keeper's head early in the first half, and minutes later, Maura Fitzgerald crossed a perfect pass to Tarik Trent, who punched it past the keeper for a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Giovanni Garcia and Oeja-Orozco tallied one each to give the

Mavericks a 4-0 shutout and send them on their way to the championship. Harris Cohn was dominating in net, with excellent defensive help from sweeper Victor Mendoza.

Mendoza and Cohn combined in the second game for another shutout, but the Mavericks' offense couldn't penetrate the defense of the Mill Valley Flame, and had to settle for a 0-0 tie. Cohn made a number of fine saves in goal, including a leaping block of a high line drive by the Flame's midfielder.

Peter Catalfo, the Mavericks' regular goalkeeper, returned to action for the final game, a must-win situation with the Rohnert Park Express. Garcia scored late in the first half on a perfectly placed outside shot, and the Mavericks' defense clamped down for the rest of the game to record a 1-0 win.

Catalfo made three brilliant stops off breakaways, twice coming outside the penalty box to break up potential goals and preserve the shutout win for the championship.

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U14 Boys

Blackhawks 2
Benicia Arsenal 0

For the Blackhawks, Alex Stern scored in the first half on an assist from Ashleigh Day. Jeremiah Fielder scored the clincher in the second half on a pass from John Madigan that he received with his back to the goal. He shot over his shoulder into the corner of the net. Gabe Zeldin and David Avila-Silver sparked the offense.

Blackhawks 2

West County Blast 1

The Blackhawk's striker Jeremiah Fielder scored both goals on assists from halfback Moses Kopmar and David Avila-Silver. After the Blast scored early in the second half, the Blackhawks responded with gritty team play, scoring on successive corner kicks late in the game. Kopmar put both into the goal. The game-winner was headed by Avila-Silver to the feet of Fielder, who scored.

U12 Girls

Weirdos 3
Eagles 3

The Eagles scored 3 goals in the first half. The Weirdos answered with 3 in the second, all by Amalia Jarvis. The first goal was set up by a long pass from halfback Caitlin Drulis, the second followed a crossing pass from Joe Warner, and the third was on a penalty shot following a handball in the box.

Luckycharmers 4

Weirdos 2

The Charters scored twice in each half for the Weirdos, Amelia Jarvis scored twice in the second on hard shots from the right side.

U14 Girls

Black Widows 2

Friends 1

The Widows' goals were scored by center halfback Morgan Theis and left forward Suzy Himelstein. Emily McCullough assisted on both. Defensive standouts were Diana Strachen, Mary Claire Conby, Amanda Garcia, and Ariel Pearson. Goalie Abigail McCullough made three super saves in the second half to preserve the victory.

U10 Boys

Thundervikings 2

Aquillas 2

Thundervikings goals were scored by Noah Flessel and Shaun Burl. Goalie Dom Fuller was outstanding in the net with six second half saves. For the Aquillas, Milo Ledesma and Jose Luis Arias tallied.

U12 Boys

Dire Wolves 4

Hornets 0

For the Wolves, Sam Marthinsen scored twice and Charlie Benton and Dario Narell each scored once. Alex Goines and Adam Alcabes added assists. Reese Bullen.

BVAL

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the season. Tuiasosopo would be the first to concur. Nonetheless, Berkeley won, and that's enough to please the Jackets third-year coach.

"I felt like we had a pretty good game plan all week and the kids were ready," said Tuiasosopo. "We fed off a lot of what happened last week in the second half of the Monte Vista game. We're beginning to peak a little bit now and our guys are beginning to believe more and more every week."

For the second straight game running back Devin Martin and QB Will Atkins were the offensive catalysts. Martin finished with 192 yards rushing on 25 carries. The junior scored one touchdown, a 1-yard plunge in the first quarter.

Somewhat overshadowed by Pinole star QB Mike Keck (16-of-32,

215 yards), Atkins had a solid performance, completing 12-of-19 for 119 yards and a TD.

Berkeley's offense continues to move the ball effectively as it racked up 395 yards.

On the other side of the ball, the Jackets contained the pass-happy Spartans to 231 yards of offense. Pinole rushed the ball just eight times for 16 yards. In fact, Berkeley's run defense has been a model of consistency.

Friday, Berkeley will not have the luxury of going against a one-dimensional team. The Panthers have plenty of weapons, spearheaded by QB Peris Verduzco (the school's career leading passer). Last week Antioch downed Monte Vista, 29-14. Verduzco completed four passes for 113 yards, while Randy Selden (51 yards rushing) had a 65-yard punt return to go along with a 2-yard TD scamper.

Weird

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The ruling on such a play is that if both the receiver and DB come down with the ball at the same time or there's dual possession, the ball goes to the offense. It should have been Albany's ball. Well, maybe that would have been the case for anybody else but if you've followed the plight of the Cougars in '95, the ref's decision was inevitable.

The officials ruled it an interception and that was that.

The questionable call provided plenty of fodder to light Albany coach Anthony Freeman's fuse. After the contest the Cougars coach unloaded on the officials with a verbal tirade laced with a plethora of obscenities. Freeman also proceeded to take out his frustration on a cooler filled with ice, and chucked it practically to El Cerrito Plaza.

"It was a horrible call, it wasn't even close," said Freeman. "They both were on the ground; the man

rolled over and took the ball. I don't know what the ref was looking at. He was behind them (Troupe and Harris) and couldn't even see the play, and he's going to make the call? The ref on my side said, 'Dual possession,' (but) he doesn't go in and overrule it."

The loss drops Albany to 1-7 overall, 1-3 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League. The Cougars' league losses have all been by eight points or less.

"Whenever it's close it's not going our way," said a beleaguered Freeman. "Our players are tough, every week they're coming out playing, we don't quit. You don't see anybody on our team with faces down; our guys are winners."

Albany came out strong on homecoming day, opening up a 14-6 halftime lead over the Dons. Troupe accounted for both of the Cougars scores. The first was a 6-yard TD reception from Germany with 5:27 left in the first period. After the Dons cut things to 7-6,

mitment from the new management that it would go after good players, that it would spend enough money to make the team competitive. The responses he got were vague, and he reluctantly concluded that Schott and Hofmann see the A's as a business investment, not a baseball enterprise. There's a difference, you know. For the new owners, the A's might as well be a scrap metal business or a company that manufactures yo-yos. They're solely interested in the bottomline, not in getting a good third baseman or in pleasing their fans.

"Tony felt from Day One that these people are very cold," someone in the organization told me. "The last thing on their agenda was talking about the ballclub. He would have stayed if he was given any form of encouragement."

It's not clear that the new owners even want to keep the team in Oakland. Some people in the organization believe they will move the A's

to Sacramento in three years, or sell to a group in Northern Virginia, an area that craves baseball.

A's fans should not begrudge La Russa this chance in St. Louis. They should be happy for him. The Cardinals are a good fit for La Russa because they are now in a battle with the Rams for fans and will commit big money to acquire marquee players. Understand, La Russa hasn't been disloyal to the A's. The A's were disloyal to him.

A's fans should hope that Schott and Hofmann make a sane choice when it comes time to choosing La Russa's successor. Jim Lefebvre would make sense. He's a longtime A's coach with managing experience. Both the Mariners and Cubs improved under him, and he deserves another opportunity.

In the meantime A's fans can contemplate what they've lost. La Russa approaches every game as if it were the World Series. He stands for excellence, for never giving up.

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Viewpoint

Student movement charting a new course

By Paul Rockwell

On Oct. 12, teach-ins, vigils, strikes — a massive protest against Pete Wilson's assault on affirmative action — took place on campuses throughout California. Five thousand students rallied at Sproul Hall at UC-Berkeley. Students stand to gain the most from a democratic university, and they stand to lose the most from repeal of affirmative action.

Diversity in Action is a broad, democratic coalition of faculty and students fighting to save affirmative action in the University of California. Along with the University of California Student Association (UCSA), Diversity in Action organized a huge protest rally — 3,000 students — at the Regents meeting July 20.

Times are changing. Now student marches are commonplace, and educational rallies take place every Wednesday at Sproul Hall on the Berkeley campus. On just a day's notice, training sessions on civil disobedience draw 75 student activists at Berkeley. Two large teach-ins recently took place at Cal-State, Hayward.

The influence of Diversity in Action goes beyond the campus. "We have reached out to churches, civil rights groups and civic organizations," says Hatem Bazian, student leader of Diversity in Action. "This affirmative action issue touches at the heart of society's attitudes about race and gender relations. The larger context is how we achieve equality and justice."

Pete Wilson may rue the day he awakened a sleeping giant.

Students break from the past

The rise of a new, idealistic student movement is the most important development in California in recent years.

The new student movement,

to be sure, is not a revival, nor a mere imitation of some past decade when student movements were dominated by males, when Students for a Democratic Society, Black Panthers, socialist sects, a host of issue-organizations, carried out separate agendas.

Today in contrast, young women play a dynamic, leading

role in every aspect of student struggle and organization. It was Kimi Lee, Executive Director of the UCSA, who organized the rally at the infamous Regents meeting July 20. The new student movement is a truly multi-cultural phenomena, a movement rich in its diversity. At rallies, marches, jam-packed meetings, Latinos, Asian-Pacific

Islanders, progressive whites, African-Americans, Native Americans and immigrants join together in one Save Affirmative Action movement. New relationships, new kinds of empowerment are in the making.

In a formal sense, the United States has always been a multi-cultural country. Many people live within its borders. But the U.S. has yet to become a country where all of its wondrous languages, histories,

its cultures interact as equals for a common good.

A democratic society is more than mere absence of open, illegal discrimination, and a truly multi-cultural movement is more than the sum of its parts. It is a creative force. It is new, empowering, and develops its own future.

Of course all progressive social movements build upon the achievements of the past. Rev. Jesse Jackson, like W.E.B.

Dubois, spans the generations and he is one of the great leaders who earns the respect of youth.

But the past cannot be repeated. Vaclav Havel, philosopher, President of Czechoslovakia, it, "History is a light and a stern."

The new student movement — American's hope for the future — is charting its course.



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County seeks humanitarian nominations

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors has announced the Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and the Annual Humanitarian of the Year Award Celebration. The presentation of the award will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 651 Pine Street, Martinez, at 11 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors is seeking nominations for this year's Humanitarian of the Year Award Winner. The criteria for the selection of the Humanitarian of the Year is based on the contribution the nominee has made in bettering the community "in the spirit of living Dr. King's dream."

Nominations are limited to individuals who have demonstrated unselfish devotion, commitment and dedication in helping to promote the general welfare of humanity in Contra Costa County. Nomination forms are available at the Community Services Department at 1220 Morello Avenue #101, Martinez, or by calling 313-7350. Nominations must be returned or postmarked no later than Thursday, Nov. 30.

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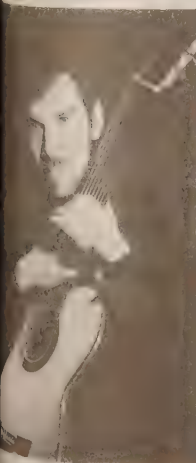
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Gala opens opera season

Berkeley Opera moves to Julia Morgan

Berkeley Opera kicks off its 17th season and celebrates its move to the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts with a gala opening on Friday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. featuring an evening of opera excerpts performed by singers from the San Francisco and Berkeley Opera companies.

The Berkeley Opera orchestra will be led by Berkeley Opera's artistic director, Jonathan Khuner, and San Francisco Opera Center director Christopher Hahn will act as master of ceremonies. Featured artists include sopranos Nancy Gustafson,

Joan Jaques and Olivia Stapp; mezzosopranos Catherine Keen and Donna Petersen; male soprano Randall Wong; tenors Richard Nickol and Alfredo Portilla; baritone David Okerlund; and bass Philip Skinner.

A champagne reception with sparkling wine provided by Domaine Chandon will follow the concert.

Tickets for the gala evening are \$40 and are available through CitiArts Box Office, 1975 Diamond

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Ensemble's cheerful 'She Loves Me' suits the season

By Phyllis Lyon

Putting Christmas shoppers in a merry mood, the Actors Ensemble opened its 39th season with a piquant production of *She Loves Me*. The 1963 Hal Prince musical plays on the Live Oak Theater stage in Berkeley Fridays and Saturdays



Annemarie Ballinger and Mike Dederian through Nov. 18.

The multi-talented company of singers and dancers, put through the intricate paces by director Rob Anderson, gives new meaning to togetherness in close-knit ensemble performances bursting with *joie de vivre* and innocent, old world charm.

She Loves Me is set in a small shop, purveyor of perfumes, unguents and lotions to fine ladies. Harking back to the good old days when the customer was always right, the clerks sing each departing lady out the door in humble gratitude for her custom. Fans of the long-running TV series *Are You Being Served?* will no

doubt be particularly amused.

Behind the scenes at the perfumery the course of true love is not running smooth. The bickering Amalia and George, unbeknownst to each other, are trading love letters with a correspondent found in a lonely hearts ad. Who could their secret admirers be? The audience knows.

Mike Dederian and Annemarie Ballinger, a rare and true soprano, are unexceptionally likeable as the attractive, matched pair in the central roles of the baffled lovers. Dederian, dotting his whome? performance with rubber-body trips and falls, is a special smash in his solo rendition of the catchy title song, the show's one number to live on in the annals of popular music.

Ilona and Steve, the subplot lovers, are played and sung with equal energy and skill by Kathleen Dederian and Keith Barlow.

The handsome Marlow is suave and funny as the duplicitous cad who secretly woos the boss's wife and lets the blame fall on Our Hero. Dederian shines in her solos, "I Resolve" (to dump the cad) and "A Trip to the Library" (where she's found new love with an optometrist.)

In their roles, from lovers to brisk walk-and-dance-on customers, the stellar ensemble cast doesn't miss a beat. Don Hansen, poignantly singing "Days Gone By," is touching as the gruff old cuckold Mr. Maracek, the store owner; Raymond Duval is Georg's buddy, the straitlaced family man, Ladislav; Justin Cole, outstanding singing "Try Me," is Arpad, the ambitious stock boy eager for promotion.

David Cottingham does a hilarious, gem takeoff of Zero Mostel as the head waiter, overseeing chaos at the intimate bistro where the letter-writing lovers' first

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John Toki's 12-foot 'Blue Turns': stoneware and porcelain clays, at BAC.

Final weekend

Fine local show puts MOMA's to shame

■ 'Abstract Expressionism: The Enduring Tradition' at the Berkeley Art Center through Nov. 5.

By Ariel Parkinson

What would happen to the Business of Art, the glossy magazines, the ads, the glamour kids of each new wave, if a style lasted 50 years instead of five? Abstract expressionism became dominant in the late '40s (succeeded by Pop, Funk, Punk, Hard-Edge, Minimalist, Bad Painting, Plop, Post-Modernism . . .). It has its anointed and blue-chip list of greats; as copy it is not front-page. But Patricio Toro, John Toki, and Mary Lovelace O'Neal grew up in and were formed by the vision and the discipline, and their splendid show at the Berkeley Art Center conveys the sense of discovery and of fulfillment, both.

The first work of art is the composition of the show itself in the beautiful hexagonal space of the Art Center, wood ceiling and clerestory, difficult to light—culture, they say, flourishes where the conditions of life are hard.

The walls to right and left are taken by Toro's huge, dark unstretched canvases: edges curving easily with the stresses of the primed cloth; fierce passion and struggle within the painting's field. The paintings of the far wall, O'Neal's, are even deeper black, with shaped patches of hot color, emphatic, seductive. A central dogma of abstract expressionism is the integrity of the picture-plane.

These paintings cleave to the wall. The volume of the room is maintained, asserted by John Toki's up-ended ceramic wedges, small side down. The biggest and handsomest is near the entrance, and anchors the whole space. Two smaller steles, farther into the room, along with

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Post-'Smoke' movie: actors' indulgence?

By Renata Palt

After they finished making *Smoke*, a whimsical shaggy-dog story of a movie about the characters that frequent a Brooklyn smoke shop, director Wayne Wang and screenwriter Paul Auster found they couldn't let go of their characters, setting, and ideas.

The result is *Blue in the Face*, co-directed by Wang and Auster. It's not a sequel exactly — it's certainly not "Smoke Part II" — but rather a spinoff featuring a few of the same characters and the same cigar store setting, shot in less than a week with a mostly improvised script. And while *Smoke* told a convoluted though ultimately coherent story, this "companion piece," as the press kit terms it, consists of a series of vignettes with little to hold it together.

In place of a story, the film has a number of themes, the major one being Brooklyn, its glories and sorrows. Characters emerge from the smoke shop to recite statistics — so many blacks live in Brooklyn, so many Hispanics, so many Jews. Rock guitarist Lou Reed appears periodically, facing the camera in close-up and philosophizing on Brooklyn and on smoking.



Roseanne with Harvey Keitel in 'Blue in the Face.'

Harvey Keitel again plays cigar store manager Auggie Wren, a combination umpire and father confessor for the assorted types who hang out there (Giancarlo Esposito, Jose Zuniga, Stephen Gevedon). Director Jim Jarmusch comes in to smoke his last cigarette — he's quitting — with Auggie.

Roseanne — yes, that Roseanne — complains to Auggie that her husband Vinnie, owner of the cigar shop, has reneged on his offer to take her to Las Vegas. The dialogue being mostly improvised, Roseanne gets maximum mileage out of her favorite word, the one beginning with F. As for Vinnie, he's

thinking of selling the shop to someone who wants to open a health-food store: "Tobacco's out, wheat germ's in."

Other name stars make cameo appearances: Madonna, Michael J. Fox, Lily Tomlin (as a male street person), drag queen RuPaul. Looks as though they had a ball.

Stockard Channing, who played Auggie's love interest in *Smoke*, is no longer around; her place taken by Mel Gorham as Violet, Auggie's new squeeze (she appeared briefly in the first picture). Gorham's fiery Latin sexpot shtick is like Rosie Perez squared. Like all the women who come into the shop, she's

furious, the object of her rage being the fact that Auggie won't take her to a dance at which her brother is playing. "I talk myself blue in the face, and still, it don't do no good," she complains to the camera.

With elements of documentary and little story, *Blue in the Face* isn't exactly a feature film. What it is is a bunch of people having fun, throwing around some ideas — Brooklyn, love, smoking, baseball. It's quirky and playful, but does it add up to anything at all?

Co-producer Peter Newman has written, "This kind of thing had never been done before, and it was a chance to shake things up and go against authority . . . an open invitation to anyone who likes breaking the rules."

Well, Peter, I have news for you: What used to be called "Underground Film" in the '60s did much of this kind of thing. Sheldon Renan's valuable *An Introduction to the American Underground Film* gives the background, and film archives or cinemateques occasionally show the films.

Blue in the Face is fun if you enjoy getting inside someone else's riff, but it's not the "new kind of movie" the producers claim it is.

East Bay Events

Reality in Russia

Pacific Film Archive presents the Bay Area premiere of three documentaries by Russian filmmakers Yakov Poselski and Natasha Kosinets on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Poselski and Kosinets will be present at the screening to answer questions.

I Murder for the Apartments, which received a silver plaque from the International Film and Video Festival in Chicago, is an exposé of criminals who murder and misappropriate the apartments of heavy drinkers and old people.

The Fear Drug explores the experimental testing of medicine on animals and patients in psychiatric institutions, and *Moscow Fags* is about gay life in Moscow prisons and a profile of a Russian American gay couple living in Moscow.

PFA is at 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 642-1124.

Gamelan to organ

UCB Department of Music events this weekend include a free performance by organist Sandra Soderlund, who will play J.S. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D Minor and works by Emma Lou Diemer, Herbert Bielawa and Pamela Decker.

The free event begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3, at Hertz Hall.

Friday at 8 p.m. the department hosts traditional music and dance of Java with Gamelan Sari Raras and guest dancers directed Ben Brinner and Santosa. Tickets are \$6, \$4 and \$3.

'Day of the Child' event

University Art Museum hosts a free family day Sunday in conjunction with the "Day of the Child" exhibit. Artmaking, workshops, storytelling, films, puppet shows, music, and tours are part of the day-long event (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) The event celebrates UAM/Pacific Film Archives' 25th anniversary.

The museum is at 2626 Bancroft Way; phone 642-1438.

Visit Maybeck, personally

A special Maybeck Walk and Tour led by author and teacher Stephen Altschuler will be held Saturday, Nov. 4. Beginning at 10 a.m. with pastries at Camps and Cottages, 2109 Virginia St., walkers will weave their way at a moderate pace through the hills of North Berkeley exploring architecturally and historically unique homes, gardens, hidden paths and steps, stopping along the way at the Maybeck residence for a personal visit with Jacomena Maybeck, daughter-in-law of the famous architect and author of *People and Places: A Memoir*.

For reservations and information call 548-2267.

Children show their work

Ala Costa Center and Berkeley's Oxford School present a series of portraits and murals ranging in media from paint to ceramics through Nov. 27. An opening reception will be held Thursday, Nov. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The free exhibit is presented by the Museum of Children's Art, located in Oakland at 560 Second St. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

'Queen of Jazz' in town

British diva Cleo Laine hailed as the "Queen of Jazz" is appearing at Kimball's East through Sunday. On stage with her will be John Dankworth, her husband and longtime musical partner, and his quintet.

Commanding a dazzling array of vocal styles, Laine is the only singer ever to receive Grammy nomination in the Female Jazz, Popular and Classical categories.

Her most recent RCA disk, "Solitude," is an all-Ellington recording with the Duke Ellington Orchestra. Thanks to old and new recording technology, Ellington and his orchestra accompany Laine on the title track. Ellington recorded his part in 1941, and the remaining selection were recorded last year with Dankworth conducting the orchestra.

Kimball's is at 5800 Shellmound St. in Emeryville; 658-2555. Shows are at 8 and 10 p.m.; tickets are \$18 and \$20.

Woven and painted art

Berkeley artist Lia Cooks displays her innovative painted and woven works at the Oakland Museum through Jan. 7. "Lia Cook: Material Allusions," consists of 25 works created between 1981 and 1995. Cook's works employ a variety of materials, including silk, abaca (banana plant fiber) linen and rayon.

They can also be found in collections at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the American Craft Museum in New York and the National Museum of Art in Washington, D.C.

The Oakland Museum is at Tenth and Oak streets. For information call 238-3401.

Crosspulse and Keith Terry

Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. Crosspulse and Keith Terry play Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.

Ensemble

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meeting goes totally awry.

Little shop of intrigue sets, with cafe and elsewhere scenes performed stage front with curtains closed (sets designed by Pat Lutynski), '30s costumes with a Slavic touch (designed by Ellie Ohara-Anderson, doubling on keyboard) and behind-the-scenes orchestra (Deane Starnes, music director and pianist) fit together like a fine lady's glove to make the ensemble's *She Loves Me* an all-of-a-piece musical treat.

Based on a '30s work by Hungarian playwright Miklos Laszlo, the tale of love among shop clerks may now be more familiar to the population as the 1940 Jimmy Stewart-Margaret Sullivan movie, *The Shop Around the Corner*, or the 1949 Judy Garland-Van Johnson MGM musical, *In the Good Old Summertime*.

She Loves Me was adapted for Broadway by the musical team fresh from its raging success, *Fiddler on the Roof*, so expectations

for its success were high. Hailed by critics, it was nevertheless not a hit with audiences. But, according to ensemble director Anderson, it has "achieved cult status."

From the opening "Good Morning, Good Day" to the climactic, hectic "Twelve Days to Christmas" rush number followed by "Thank You Bows" (in which the cast reprises the humble gratitude song, the ensemble deserves to have a highly entertaining hit on its hand, cult or not.

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Storytellers bridge generations

By Nina Serrano

A troupe of lively senior storytellers is on the road, traveling between local schools to share its traditional folk and fairy tales as well as the storytellers' personal stories. The storytellers are part of the Storybridge: Storytellers in the Schools program, which is a project of Stagebridge, a non-profit senior theater company founded by Stuart Kandell more than 16 years ago.

"While many are lamenting the decline of American education and the 'generation gap,' these older adults are trying to do something about it," says Kandell, now Storybridge executive director.

The storytelling performances are sponsored by the Berkeley Arts Fund. "We appreciate that the city of Berkeley understands the need for intergenerational exchange and the passing on of values and accumulated wisdom from the grandparent and great-grandparent generation to elementary-school children," Kandell says.

The Storybridge group includes longtime Berkeley resident Cecil Pierce ("86 years young," she says), a veteran storyteller, recently featured on Channels 2 and 7. Cecil tells stories from around the world and some based on her adventures waiting for Berkeley's AC Transit buses. "I am rewarded," says Pierce, "by the children's eager faces and their rapt attention."

Other Berkeley residents include retired teacher Claressa Morrow, who weaves her own personal family history, from Africa to Texas, into sto-



Stagebridge storyteller Minnie Bateman at work.

ries and songs about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

Another Berkeley retiree is Beatrice Rothman, a more recent member of the troupe. She tells the old folk tale of "The Rock and the Goat," a wry story in keeping with Rothman's deep sense of humor. The story deals with the question of justice and common sense.

Bernice Thomas, a longtime company member and Berkeley resident, is a former army sergeant, among her

many achievements. Bernice travels widely and brings back stories from her journeys, as well as digging deeply into mythology for her tales.

"This is a devoted group," says Kandell. "Our storytellers came from all over the East Bay and some from as far away as Mountain View."

Stagebridge will hold a benefit storytelling workshop for older adults on Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Oakland, 27th and Harrison. Call 444-4755.

Art

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O'Neal's darker, smaller canvases (smaller relative to Toro's), are a form of forced perspective. They make more space than they use up.

In Toro's life, as reported in Robbin Legere Henderson's sensitive and informative introduction to the show, a prevailing anxiety is punctuated by moments of joy. In his work, a chaotic, generative and obscuring flux coexists with a drive toward order, an order in one manifestation as simple as the vertical and horizontal rhythms of a grid; and in another, complex, truncated, repeated syntheses—"moments of joy."

"Like the nymphs series of Monet or the desolate earth-plane paintings of Anselm Kiefer, there is a sense of the cosmic field from which life's aggregates of moving order emerge and into which they sink again. The individual painting is like a great strung harp, an instrument played to elicit incipient harmonies. The harmonies are fugitive, and they are never entirely separate from the ambient chaos, or stillness, or absence of light—the substrate.

This is a lot to put into, or upon, one work of art. Toro reminds me why painting, which can be the cheapest of the visual arts, can also be the most profound, the most extensive. Because physically, visually, conceptually it has an edge or boundary, it can, rightly conceived, define its own universe. The three-dimensional visual arts must live in ours.

Toki's ceramic Blue Turns lives there—here—very comfortably, all 12 feet of it. Toki is at his best in large format, where the basic geometry of a big, thinish, solid piece of compliant and durable-but-fragile material asserts its nature, and where accident can also stretch out, be present, and get lost. In the lower part of the stele the sheer strictness of a well-built wall is relieved by random stains. There is a collection of organic shapes in matte, biscuit-colored clays toward the top. The brown- and blue-glazed elements of a large "mandala" form in the upper center are deftly integrated and harmonious, and just separate enough from the wall below and the organic forms above.

Toro comes from the Jackson Pollock wing of the a/e discipline—the incremental build-up of textures, and in Toro's case, patches of form. He uses "rollers, sponges,

rags, sticks," paint brushes and gravity. Still, there is a prevailing deliberateness, a sense of will, an ongoing eliciting of mood, tone, major structure, drama.

O'Neal comes from the Motherwell and Kline wing. The whole painting is an explosion that is either Right or Wrong. At least one of her paintings, the one visible from the doorway, is marvelously Right. An irregular square of very dark blue impasto is laid onto the slightly greened, still deep black oblong space. Third party in this layering, on top of the square—a madly pink triangle, point side down, bounded on two sides by a thick red rakish line. An extended chalk squiggle, careless and precise, joins the triangle as protagonist. The whole affair is a moment of joy, deeply pleasurable.

So far at least, true art has found its ways of escaping the enemy: Santa Banalita, Busyness, the mechanical choices of The Establishment. The vitality, beauty, and meaningfulness of Berkeley Art Center's "Abstract Expressionism: The Enduring Tradition" is

in amazing contrast to the empty pieties now covering the walls of SF MOMA.

"Abstract Expressionism: The Enduring Tradition" is at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. (in Live Oak Park), Berkeley, through Sunday Hours are noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday. Free. 644-6893.

Toro reminds me why painting, which can be the cheapest of the visual arts, can also be the most profound, the most extensive.

Professor plays piano

Bay Area Pianists presents Cindy Cox in a special event at 4 p.m. Nov. 5 at First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington. Cox, a professor at UC Berkeley, will play music by Messiaen, Takemitsu, Wuorinen and herself.

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* One domestic disturbance was reported.

* Shoplifting arrests were reported at Payless (a Richmond man), at Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (a Richmond woman), at Target (a Richmond man), and at the Emporium (female juveniles from Richmond, Berkeley and Oakland).

* Two wallets were reported missing.

* An oil painting was turned in to the lost and found department.

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bill divided the calculation of tax increments into three separate tiers: years one through 14, 14 through 20, and beyond 20 years. The difference in each is the percentage of the increment that must be set aside for the city and the county. The major purpose of AB 1290 was to return more tax money to municipalities.

Agencies like the ECRA use TIF to finance the construction of low income housing, and to assist developers by paying for street and road improvements their project might call for. To do this, the agency issues bonds to pay for the implementation of redevelopment plans. In the case of the ECRA, the bonds are called "Series 1991A Refunding Tax Allocation Bonds". The agency owes \$28.7 million on these bonds which will pay off annually through the year

2020.

Does it help?

One person who thinks redevelopment has helped El Cerrito is ECRA project manager Gerry Raycraft. "It depends on how you look at it," he says. "Anyone who has not been here in 10 or 15 years could walk down San Pablo Avenue. There were whole empty blocks where the Target Store is now."

The Target Store has been a magnet of controversy. The reason for the uproar was the bowling alley it replaced, thought by some to be an independent operation. However, resident Bill Commerford claims that the Target Store has been an asset to El Cerrito. "Target is providing El Cerrito with an estimated \$240,000 in sales tax revenue," he says. "The bowling alley it replaced yielded only

\$21,770." Mayor La Force says that the bowling alley was not a local "mom and pop" operation, but part of a chain owned by a firm based in Tennessee.

The debate about the benefits of redevelopment is actually a struggle between those who want change and those who don't. George Amberg laments the businesses that no longer operate in this town: "Travallini's Furniture, Woolworth, Miller's Outpost, Standard Brands, Anderson's Appliance Shop — I'm sure there were more," he says, "but my memory stops (there)."

Resident Peter Loubal is angry with Mayor La Force. Loubal claims that La Force is a proponent of the proposed 20-screen theater project and wants EL Cerrito to look like New York. "He says 'I love New York,' growls Loubal, "well, why the

hell doesn't he move back there?" (La Force says he never made such a comment and that he's not from New York.)

Stark contends that the city council, which also serves as the redevelopment agency board, makes project approval decisions that are best left to the public. The council challenger wants to alter the ECRA procedures such that projects like the proposed multi-screen movie complex are placed before El Cerrito voters. His plan makes La Force bristle. "Stark says that people don't understand what they're getting with council votes. But they were able to vote on redevelopment last year (Proposition F). They knew what they were voting for when they passed it. (Stark's) not being fair," he said.

Abraham is a regular economy columnist for Hills Newspapers.

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tax almost tripled since 1990....Some of them are things residents can't vote on. The number of items on the bills have crept up on us.

"There's already a lot of apprehension within the community as to what's going to happen with taxes, with police services. We need to pay some real attention to that. It's an effort that can help the community."

Besides police, park and recre-

ation services, managing the garbage contract is the third main area of board responsibility. The garbage vendor is also under longterm contract to provide recycling services.

Gallegos would like to expand the curbside recycling program and provide more frequent pickups of yard clippings or "greenwaste."

"We're quite a bit behind other communities in the amount of materials we recycle," she said. "Like many of us do, I fill up the back of my car...and go to the El Cerrito

recycling center very frequently.

"Unless we get recycled materials and garbage clippings out of our garbage cans, we're not going to meet the state's mandate (of 50 percent garbage reduction by the year 2000)."

Fines that the state has said it will impose for cities and counties not meeting the 50 percent mandate "could be a disaster for any community, let alone a small community like Kensington," she said.

"The board is currently negotiating with the provider; I hope those

needs can be addressed."

Gallegos also believes the discount for use of a second garbage can should be removed.

"Our community is one of the only ones left that gives (that) discount," she said. "I think if we remove that incentive to be a little bit careless about what we put in the can and send to the landfill, it will help us address the problem."

Pointing to a recent study that named Kensington as the 11th best educated community in the U.S., Gallegos said, "we know we've got

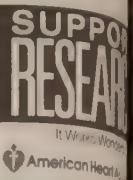
a lot of talent here. The board can reach out into the community for input and assistance with our community problems."

For herself, she said, "as a musician, I love playing chamber music much more than being a soloist. I like that collaborative music-making atmosphere."

"That collaborative, non-competitive attitude can make me an effective member, representing all of Kensington."

"The community's been somewhat divided during the park acqui-

sition. By getting broad involvement in setting Kensington and in planning we can bring the community together again."



Theater

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would not pursue it.

Norman La Force:

"I've always said, if we can't get what's right, then we're not going to pursue anything."

"The issue is, what are the impacts? Right now we don't have the information to make a reasoned judgement, to compare and contrast what the impacts would be and what the benefits would be for the different sizes of theatre components and the different possible configurations."

"If, whatever, the size, it does not appear from the documentation that the project is right for El Cerrito, then I'm not going to support it. I'd say to the developer, 'It's been an interesting exercise; thank you very much. I guess we end it here.'"

Thom Stark:

"I am on record as having said for quite some time now that this proposal is too big and in the wrong place; that kind of a report from the EIR would merely underline that point. I think that it is entirely realistic to expect that the AMC entertainment corporation will not entertain an alternative plan for a substantially smaller development because it runs contrary to their vision statement as clearly outlined in the (company's) June 6th, 1995 10K filing with the FCC."

(Ricketts' press release quotes the filing as citing facilities containing "12 theaters or more" as the way to achieve "the best operating economies;" Stark said last week the figure is actually much larger, according to the same report.)

"The real question here, is why are such large amounts of city resources, staff time, citizen volunteer time and citizen patience being expended on a development that is so clearly, so strongly opposed by such an overwhelming majority of El Cerrito residents?"

"In walking precincts and talking to voters on this issue, I'd say that opposition to the theatre proposal in its current size has run almost overwhelmingly four to five against. I've talked to almost nobody who is in favor of it."

The Draft EIR, which will be followed by at least 45 days of public comment and review, is not expected to be completed until at least March.

EC Library displays local artists' work

Recent watercolors, pastels and collages by Albany artist Trudy Vilaska will be on display at the El Cerrito Library during November and December.

Vilaska, a recently retired Albany schoolteacher, holds a degree in Fine Arts from Skidmore College. She has worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Zinney & Smith Inc., art supplies manufacturer; and Lever Brothers Company - all in New York City.

The artist's works are in several private collections and galleries throughout the Bay Area.

The El Cerrito Library, located at 6510 Stockton Avenue, is open Monday 12 to 3 p.m., Tuesday 1 to 6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 1 to 5 p.m., and closed Wednesday, Sunday and holidays.

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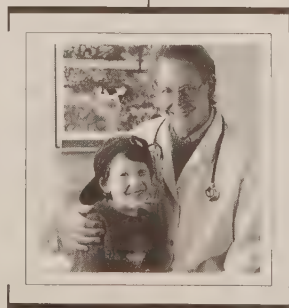
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and think about the things of your home there are a few things which, if you would make all the difference in the world for you and your family. Depending on your needs, these things might be:

building your kitchen to function with contemporary and include a sitting area.

adding a recreation room, a place for teenagers to gather to hang out, be home, but be

out of your way.

— Getting a space for some exercise equipment, so you can follow your doctor's advice without having to find the time to get to a gym.

— Taking the found bedroom space (after the high school student becomes a college student) and turning it into a combination office/guest room.

These are just a few of the possibilities.

Now how can you get from where you are (the idea) to where you want to be (more useful space)?

You have a couple of choices.

FROM THE GROUND UP

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Douglas Johnson

The sweeping entryway invites the visitor into the prizewinning home.

Masterpiece graces the Oakland hills

By Marguerite Travaille

Over a 20-year period Montclair resident Jerry Kram gradually acquired five bungalows on Upper Broadway Terrace. He lovingly restored his investments, turning four cottages into rental properties and keeping the fifth as his home. Then the 1991 Firestorm hit, destroying Kram's nest egg.

But the task of rebuilding after the devastating fire proved a daunting pursuit to the artistic Kram. He was determined to build a masterpiece.

A friend introduced Kram to contractor Jeff Woods, who accepted Kram's offer to oversee the rebuilding. During negotiations with Safeco Insurance Co.,

Woods donated his time and advice to Kram.

Contrary to the many insurance company horror stories connected to the fire, Woods aided Kram in negotiating a fair settlement. "Safeco was responsive and courteous," said Kram. "I had no problems negotiating an equitable settlement."

With insurance proceeds in hand, Kram sought out a well-established architectural firm, one that would do justice to his project. "There are two types of architects," said Kram. "The first has great ideas, but is out of touch with the realities of cost and feasibility. The second lacks design concepts, but can get the job done cheaply and efficiently."

In Kurt Donnelly of the Dahlin Group of San Ramon, Kram found an architect that not only had great ideas, but who knew how to execute them efficiently. Kram was already familiar with Dahlin's completed projects at Blackhawk Market Place, the Behring Museum and the UC Berkeley Library. These projects had a style that Kram found attractive with clean, uncluttered lines and a mixture of textures and materials that defined a structure in its simplest terms.

With the help of Woods and Donnelly, Kram set about designing an award-winning home that featured interior spaces comple-

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Chimney

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The use of horizontal bands or straps which hold onto the stack at various heights and keep it from getting away or falling down. (Keep in mind that this is a double-edged blade in which the great mass of the chimney may tend to pull down whatever it is attached to. One must ask the question, "should I just let the thing fall?" If the chimney is in the middle of the structure, the argument is obviously different than

if the chimney is on the side of the building.)

The use of mesh encasement. Japanese scientists have done a lot of experimentation with this and have had great success with limiting the dissolution (shaking apart) of brick structures with the use of mesh wraps. An interesting aside to this is that stucco application requires this as a preparation stage, therefore stuccoed chimneys generally have this already, or can be given this when stuccoing is done. You can also combine this with some of the measures stated above.

That covers most of bracing and reinforcing. How about removal? The cost of removing a chimney is not so great, roughly \$1,000 (this of course can vary widely depending upon the circumstances).

If you choose to replace with a non-metallic substitute fireplace, this can cost another \$2,000 -

\$4,000. There are a wide variety of so-called "Zero-clearance" pre-manufactured fireplaces. These are essentially wood stoves designed to fit into the same spot that a masonry fireplace would fit into, although they are generally not as efficient as wood stoves. The fire-box is encased in metal with a masonry lining and the rest, including the entire flue stack, is made of lightweight sheet metal as well. These can fit into many of the same locations where fireplaces used to be. This means that you may be able to save the beautiful front and mantle and hearth. These are probably what you love about your fireplace anyway. The prefabricated unit can slip in behind all of the existing stuff and then you just have the problem of how to run the flue.

A fireplace of this type is not See CHIMNEY on page 25

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100 Beechwood Dr. - \$175,000
6180 Broadway Tr. - \$275,000
3050 Capp St. - \$115,000
5845 Chabot Ct. - \$380,000
13170 Clairepate. - \$290,000
5734 Clemmt Ave. - \$271,500
2014 Clemens Rd. - \$395,000
879 E. 28th St. - \$106,000
6510 Farallon Way - \$295,000
6517 Farallon Way - \$307,500
988 Frank St.#527 - \$115,000
6847 Gunn Dr. - \$235,000
1218 Hollywd.#1 - \$170,000
512 Jean St. - \$175,000
556 Kenwyn Rd. - \$156,500
541 Mandana Blvd. - \$225,000
686 Mariposa Ave. - \$309,500
3021 Maxwell Ave. - \$180,000
4156 Montgomery. - \$225,000
5081 Parkridge Dr. - \$308,000
2255 Pelham Pl. - \$255,000
365 Perk. St. #307 - \$109,500
5210 Proctor Ave. - \$471,500
2414 Rampart St. - \$168,000
701 Rosal Ave. - \$250,000
2 Selkirk St. - \$350,000
10000 Sigourney - \$192,500
4600 Stauffer Pl. - \$205,000
1251 Sunnyhills Rd. - \$415,000
607 Walavista Ave. - \$363,000
4412 Webster St. - \$193,000
4424 Worden Way - \$182,000

PIEDMONT
132 Caperton Ave. - \$679,500
48 Crest Rd. - \$335,000
134 El Cerrito Ave. - \$250,000
239 Palm Dr. - \$310,000
1880 Tristle. Gln. - \$499,000

SAN LEANDRO
1318 Belding St. - \$175,000
540 Cascade Rd. - \$129,000

14034 Corvallis St. - \$170,000
1912 Dayton Ave. - \$168,500
14479 Doolittle Dr. - \$120,000
2331 Fairway Dr. - \$122,000
15260 Hesp. Blvd. - \$142,000
811 Juana Ave. - \$243,500
16100 Maubert Ave. - \$155,000
1667 Purdue St. - \$168,500
2240 Wash. Ave. - \$185,000
2475 West Ave. - \$275,000
1250 Westbay Ave. - \$146,000
1699 Willow Ave. - \$160,000

SAN LORENZO
534 Cornell St. - \$161,000
980 Heather Ln. - \$243,000
998 Via Bregani - \$177,500
1856 Via Natal - \$169,500

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES:10
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$182,500

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES:1
PRICE: \$178,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES:11
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$440,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$244,727

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$149,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$270,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$202,300

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES:2

LOWEST PRICE: \$154,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$283,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$218,500

KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES:3
LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$413,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$302,666

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES:34
LOWEST PRICE: \$106,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$770,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$257,220

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES:5
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$679,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$414,700

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES:14
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$275,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$168,535

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES:4
LOWEST PRICE: \$161,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$243,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$187,750

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East Bay's Fuji Bonsai Club cultivates ancient Asian art

The Fuji Bonsai Club was founded in the '50s. Fuji and one other club which was started at roughly the same time were the first bonsai clubs in this country, and in fact shared some common members.

A friendly argument can still be heard as to which club was actually first, but there is no doubt that Fuji Bonsai Club was a pioneer of the hobby which has now spread to every corner of our country and is practiced by Americans from every walk of life.

Several original members of Fuji Bonsai Club are still active today, a fact which is quite remarkable for a club started 40 years ago. Perhaps this longevity is the result of the tranquility which can be found in gently nurturing trees along through

the years. In any case, bonsai is a hobby which brings enjoyment to anyone willing to invest a little time and patience.

Fuji Bonsai Club exists for the sole purpose of providing a forum where we can mutually participate in the art of bonsai. Our meetings are open to everyone. For those who elect to join the club, the dues are minimal. The meetings are actually "hands on" demonstrations and workshops led by our resident bonsai master, and not stuffy business meetings. The membership of the club includes experts with many years of experience, novices who are just starting out, and everyone in between. The one thing we have in common is our enthusiasm for the fascinating art of bonsai.

Bonsai is an ancient art practiced

in the Orient for more than 2,500 years. While Westerners generally think of bonsai as a Japanese art, it has its origins in China. Chinese traders brought the first miniature trees to Japan 1,500 years ago.

At first, the Japanese form of bonsai was practiced almost exclusively by nobility.

Even today, many of the largest business corporations in Japan own bonsai collections and employ full-time staff to maintain them.

Gradually, the cultivation of the small potted trees spread to common people. Now, bonsai is enjoyed by people from all social strata.

Bonsai was almost unheard of in America before 1940. Japanese

people revived the art and taught it to one another when they were forced into the internment camps during World War II.

After the war, as Japanese people returned to the areas they had been before, they brought the art with them. This small group of early bonsai enthusiasts grew until today.

In America, there are thousands of bonsai clubs and countless numbers of individuals who find enjoyment and relaxation in the hobby of bonsai.

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Buddhist Temple, 1524 Oregon St., Berkeley. For more information phone 530-9428.

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Events

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A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Receive a free loan pre-qualification and a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

RAF Mortgage presents free seminars on **How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Rehab Loan**, every Wednesday, 7 p.m. at 1722 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Reservations required. Call 528-0767.

Le Tip International, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Free plant clinic

UC-Berkeley Botanical Garden hosts a Free Plant Disease Clinic on the first Saturday of each month.

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How much time between offer and acceptance?

An offer to purchase a house should include a clause that provides a time period for the seller to respond. Typically, such a clause states that if the offer isn't accepted by the seller in writing by a certain date and time, the offer will be deemed revoked. In most cases, the clause also requires that written acceptance be delivered to the buyers, or to their agent, by the deadline specified in the contract.

Real estate agents often advise buyers to have their offer expire "upon presentation." This is not a good idea, however. Technically, "upon presentation" means that the offer has expired by the time it is presented. Also, many sellers object to being asked for an immediate response.

Allowing too much time for a seller to respond can also work against you. In active real estate markets, several days may be enough time for other buyers to make offers on the house you're trying to buy. You could lose out to another buyer or pay a higher price due to increased demand for the house.

Buyers often feel vulnerable when they are waiting for a seller's response to their offer. The biggest fear is that their offer will be "shopped" around to other agents and buyers in the hopes of generating other offers. No doubt, there are times when this happens.

But it's equally likely that your written offer will discourage other buyers from making offers. Many buyers won't write an offer on a property when there is already an offer written. A lot depends on the

market. In a low-inventory market, you're more likely to run into competitive bidding than you will in a market where there are plenty of homes for sale.

Buyers do have some clout when they present an offer. Until the offer is accepted by the seller, the offer can usually be withdrawn by the buyer. It's in the seller's best interest to respond to an offer in a timely fashion. Buyers can change their minds, or find another house they like better if the sellers take too long to reply.

Ideally, you want to give the seller enough time to make an intelligent and reasonable response to your offer, but not

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It's rare for an offer to be accepted exactly as the buyers wrote it, even when the price is acceptable. Sellers usually propose modifications to the buyers' offer in the form of a counteroffer. The counteroffer will include a new deadline for the buyers to respond in writing to the sellers.

Make sure that your agent knows how to reach you when

Your contract should include the phrase *Time is of the essence.*

enough time to allow other buyers to interfere with your prospective purchase. Find out when your offer can be presented to the sellers and how much time they will need to make a decision. If you set the response date too early, the offer could expire before it's even presented. If this happens, amend the contract in writing to extend the time period for the seller's response.

Sometimes it's impossible to know at the time you write an offer when it can be presented to the seller. In this case, you might want the response time to be a certain time (24 or 48 hours) after the offer is presented, rather than a specific date.

you are in the offer and counteroffer stage of a contract negotiation. If you can't be available in person, your offer should include language stating that facsimile and counterpart signatures are binding. When a document is signed in counterpart, copies of the document are signed by the parties. The original document can be signed at a later date.

Buying and selling homes can be a stressful experience. Responding to the other party in a timely fashion can help minimize uncertainty, which will minimize stress.

Your contract should include the phrase "Time is of the es-

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Bamboo removal difficult

Q: Have you any suggestions for removing bamboo that has spread throughout the yard? The roots are down four feet or more and grow like iron chains.

A: There is no quick fix to your problem. As you know, bamboo is very aggressive so it will take time and effort to kill this plant. If the main bamboo clumps are located in a neighbor's yard, your success ratio in going to go down. Now is not the time to start trying to eradicate it because the growing season is just about over.

Wait until next spring and spray the bamboo with Round Up or Brush Killer. Because of the depth of the shoots, one or two applications of herbicide will not be enough. Water and fertilize the area to encourage as much new growth as possible. Then, wait until the new growth is about three feet tall before applying the Round Up.

Brush Killer can not be used around desirable plants, but Round Up can if plants are protected by plastic or cardboard coverings. You might need to repeat this process during the next growing season.

Q: My back yard is mainly shade and, in the morning, I find large pieces of my "Baby Tears" torn away. I assume by some animal looking for worms of food. Is there any way to discourage this without poisoning the animals? Are there any tips on rerooting or replacing the pieces of "Baby Tears?"

A: It sounds like your yard is being victimized by a raccoon. These masked bandits tear up ground covers and lawn areas looking for soil grubs. Apply a liquid form of Diazinon of Dursban to the area to remove the food source. This should encourage the four-legged varmints to move on. Spraying on the surface is ineffective, the insecticide must soak into the ground to do the trick. Keep the cats off the area until the spray has dried.

Baby Tear pieces can be planted into the bare spots to replace the damaged pieces by pressing them into place and keeping them moist, much like a golfer replaces a divot. The Baby Tear is very aggressive, so it should regrow into this area quickly, but you may not see any results until next spring.



by Buzz Bortone

Q: The only flower I have any luck with is geraniums to know how to take care properly. Mine are getting leaves now and there are spots everywhere. What do I do: cut them back or dig them out?

A: I would not be pruning geraniums this year because the season is just about to end. To remove leggy vegetation yellow to brown leaves till the end of February, the flush of new growth severely and begin replanting monthly. With a sion or Miracle Grow Midew is a problem with niums are growing in a spot. They like six inch

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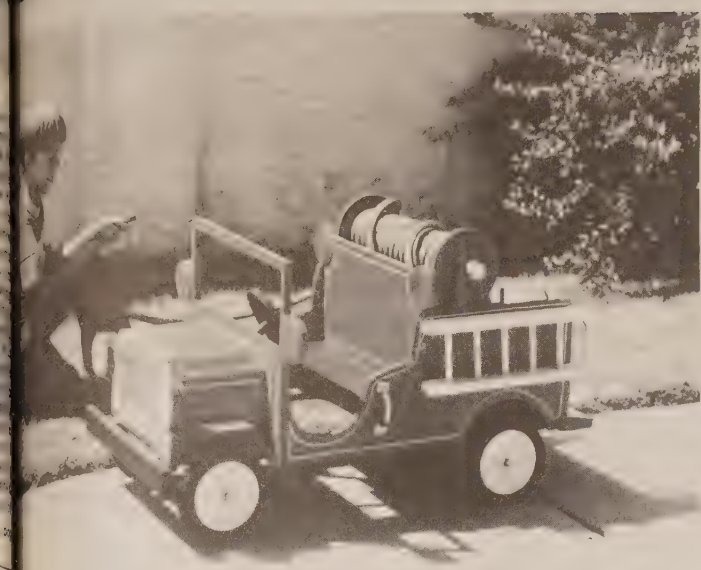
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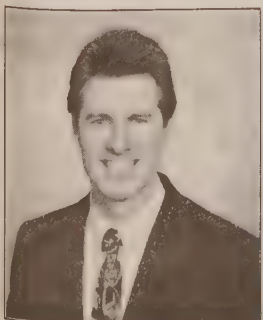
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Interest in real estate is directly related to impact on the reader

Number 120 in a series of true
experiences in real estate.

We give to all of our clients a
packet of information to read and
to refer to later. We include a
comparison of property tax rates
in different cities, a clipping rec-
ommending that the beat cop be
contacted about neighborhood
crime before buying, a wonder-
fully funny Jon Carroll column
titled "Damp if you do; Damp if
you don't," in which he says wa-
ter is the root of all evil — it
dissolves buildings.

There are instructions on esti-
mating income tax savings for
home owners and a description of
title insurance. We add a number
of our own columns, not always
the same ones, but typically in-
cluding some of these subjects:
how we feel about a good connec-
tion between client and agent; our
urging that people be sure that
buying a house is right for them; a
warning that getting too far out on
a limb financially is an uncom-
fortable place to be.

One column discusses how to
look at houses, to see beyond the
surface, to think and consider be-
fore rejecting. Another says it's
almost impossible to know how
long it will take to find the right
house but once you have, speed is
often necessary to make it your
own.

As we get to know our clients
and talk with them, we will tell
them more, but for now, we hope
that our packets give them an over-
view of the house-buying process
and also acquaint them with what
kind of people we are, what our
job is, and how we will care for
them.

Clients do appreciate receiving
the information and probably most
of them read it, but what they are
understandably most interested in
is the answer to one big question:
"How will buying a house work
for me?"

They want to know if they can
buy a house and what kind of
house it will be. Can they afford
the hills? A big house? A view,
ample space, quiet, good neigh-
bors? Is it likely that such a house
will be in good condition or will
they have to make repairs?

What about buying a duplex?
Or a condo? Is it possible to find
an art studio in a safe neighbor-
hood?

There are general answers to
these questions, and we are happy
to give them, but it will take spe-
cific examples before we will have
true answers. Maybe we will find
a view house for the right price,
then discover that it is located too
far away from the client's job to
work well, or the house needs re-
pairs he cannot afford to make.

One buyer will find that space
is not nearly as vital to her as
having trees outside her windows.
Another thought almost any
kitchen would do until she saw
herself in a brand-new one.

We've told our buyers in our
columns and in conversation to-
gether that it is important to get
ready to buy before looking at
houses (to ally with a dependable
loan broker, make out a loan ap-
plication, line up their money),
but being inexperienced and hu-
man, they looked at houses first
because this is the fun part of
buying. It didn't mean much to
them to be ready because they
didn't think they'd find the house
they would like to buy right away.

Now that they have, they need
pertinent information quickly. Our
closing-cost column did not make
fascinating reading before, but
now there is a need to know how
much the costs will be. They
skipped over the difference be-
tween recurring and non-recur-
ring closing costs before, but now
buying this house depends upon
getting a credit for some of them.

They remember reading that we
wrote about purchase contracts but



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it's fuzzy. It isn't until we are
engaged in writing their own con-
tract that the details become rivet-
ing. Likewise, knowing that the
seller is responsible for property
taxes while the house is his and
that, as new owners, the first tax
bill won't be due for several
months will now take on new im-
portance.

I guess it's like any new infor-
mation. When you have a use for
it, you get it, remember it, use it.
Otherwise, you don't. My kids
frequently complain that they
can't see any reason to slog
through long division when a cal-
culator can give them an instant
answer. They can't imagine why
they should learn to multiply or
divide fractions either, and it is
possible that they may never need
to know.

But when they are gifted with a
new computer game and they want
to play it immediately, they read
the instruction booklet, call a
friend, try out what they think will
work, and maybe sit on hold for
half an hour waiting to get through
to the manufacturer's "hot line."

It's the same with buying a
house. If the house of your heart
seems to be ideal except for the
fireplace problems, and you can't
imagine life without a winter fire,
it's amazing how quickly and thor-
oughly you will grasp fireplace
construction and repair details.
You may learn more about fire-
places than you ever dreamed you
wanted to know because the time
is right. Now you have an applica-
tion for that knowledge.

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Chimney...

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vulnerable to earthquake action because
it is so light and flexible. Also, they
draw better than conventional fireplaces
because the double-wall metal flues

heat quickly and draw well. They are
designed by engineers and tested to
guarantee a good fire. They nearly all
have built-in dampers which your old
fireplace may not. The damper is there
solely for the purpose of keeping the
house from losing heat when a fire is
not going. Otherwise, you would have
a big hole in the house out of which the
heat would flow.

Virtually all pre-fabs have outdoor
air supplies (like a good wood stove or
heating appliance) and do not depend
on indoor air for the fire to burn. So
overall, this seems to be a good solu-
tion. The cost is not cheap, but if you
want to have a fireplace (something of
an antiquity, but romantic all the same),
this seems to me to be the only sensible
choice in earthquake country.

While you're considering these

things, don't forget to consider the other
brick chimney you may have in your
house.

The one that runs from the base-
ment up to the roof or from the kitchen
(in the wall behind the stove) up to the
roof and is just for flue gases from a
stove, furnace or water heater. These
are very inefficient and usually leak
flue gases. They are often more vulner-
able to breakage than the main chim-
ney and have all the other problems
noted.

A metal double-wall flue is much
smaller and fairly cheap to install for
any gas appliance. They draw much
better and leak much less. They can be
run on the outside or inside the house
and the brick can go to that patio you've
been planning in the back yard. Let's
all get ready. This is not a test.

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REALTY WORLD - Associates.
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repeated errors in judgment.
To schedule an Antony Robbins workshop for agents, brokers are encouraged to call Gilvary at (800) 987-1300.

Designing investment portfolio may require full-service broker

We all have our own unique financial goals, and we all have our own time frame in which we would like to achieve those goals. But do we all know how to design our portfolios in a way that will do just that? For some, a discount broker may fit the bill, but for those who need a little more help, a full-service investment broker can give you more.

Professional investment guidance can make a difference. Although past performance cannot guarantee future results, a 10-year study ending Sept. 30, 1994, and conducted by Dalbar Financial Services found that stock fund investors who consulted with a financial professional earned about 15.6 percent more than those who did not seek guidance.

This resulted not because the funds necessarily performed better, but because the professional could help the investor make better decisions about when to buy and when to sell.

Now, nothing can guarantee that working with a full-service, professional investment broker will improve your investment results, and not every investor may need a professional's advice, but consider the following elements that a full-service investment broker can provide:

• Constant Communication: Full-

service investment advice extends beyond making a trade or passing along a hot stock tip. You have immediate access to someone who can explain the latest market move or a company's most recent earnings report. And if something happens that affects your portfolio, you can talk to a professional who can describe its impact and help you decide if you need to make changes.

• Personal Attention: A full-service investment broker will know your financial goals because he or

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she helped you develop ways to reach those goals. This allows him or her to offer sound suggestions with your best interests in mind. And as your needs change, a full-service broker can offer other investment vehicles to adjust for the changes and also match your risk suitability and tax situation.

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service investment professionals not go it alone. They use a research staff at their headquarters, which has closely follow particular and can provide insightful broker make well-informed recommendations for your portfolio.
• Patience: When the market is in a downturn, most investors

their losses, stay on the sidelines and wait for better conditions. service investment brokers you ignore short-term market fluctuations and shift your focus back to long-term goals.

• Convenience: Many investors do not have the time, energy or desire to follow the financial markets.
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5943 GRIZZLY PEAK BL, Perfect blend of arch.&tech. 3+2 1/2, view \$950,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Gayle Tantau 845-6021

6101 MAZUELA DR, Montclair magnificent nw w/trad flair! pano vw \$929,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6632 LIGGETT, Home w/attached legal 2nd unit, lg gated dbl lot \$779,000
Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-5

139 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rckrdge 4/3 gated mini-estate, huge lot \$775,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

7000 DEVON WY, off Norfolk Rd, nw listing! 5/3 w/sweeping vws \$729,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4

5410 FERNHOFF RD, Hillcrest Est., 4/3 1/2, gourmet kit, pool, sauna \$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

1260 GRANDVIEW DR, Exceptional 4bd, expansion pot, lv courtyard \$698,000
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774

5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+3 avant-garde nw construction \$690,000
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

1160 DRURY, 4bd/3 1/2ba, sweeping bay/hill vws, 2 mstr ste, rec rm \$629,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey/Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

45 SHERIDAN, Upr Rckrdge nw 5bd/4ba, bay view, reduced, seel \$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, R. Marshall 869-4229

6464 MELVILLE, Pied Pines, big house/lot/view! 5bd/7+ba, pool \$599,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174

5914 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba meticulously crafted trad! \$589,500
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

6815 BRISTOL DR, Hiller 3+bd/3 1/2ba nw custom hm w/many xtras \$549,500
Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401

12032 BROADWAY TER, 3b/2 1/2 w/lab bay view, meticulous design \$549,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

919 LARKSPUR DR, Crocker 4+bd/2ba on cul-de-sac, family rm \$549,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

6307 BROOKSIDE AVE, Upr Rckrdge 4/3 w/remod kit, garden \$539,000
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400

3719 BRUNELL, Oakland Hills nw 4+bd/3 1/2ba, \$reduced! bay view \$539,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, E. Marshall 869-4218

7063 SKYLINE, Montclair 4bd/3ba w/unobstructed bay view! \$509,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. A. Hammon 869-4219

51 BAY FOREST DR, North Hills 4b/2+ba quality nw constr, bay vw \$499,500
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

6117 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba contemp, dramatic vws, decks \$499,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

12181 BLYTHEN WAY, 4bd/2+ba, \$reduced! one-lvl, pvt, bay vw \$489,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

5800 WESTOVER, Nw constr, Pied Pines, 100% fin available, 3/3 1/2 \$479,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197

5 CLIPPER HILL, Smashing twhnm, 5 bridge vw, classy 3bd/2 1/2ba \$479,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-7102

8971 RIDGEMOOR RD, Private estate, 3/4 acre, guest qtrs, private \$478,000
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochtelner 339-1174

6016 CHABOLYN TERRACE, Gracious remod 4bd/3ba trad, au pair \$469,000
College Avenue RE, Steve Dopkin 845-8008

6516 HEATHER RIDGE WY, Montclair elegant 3/2 1/2, peaceful vista \$469,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 531-8620

6642 LONGWALK DR, A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED design hme \$457,000
Will Uher 531-9381 SUNDAY 12-5 Secluded 3bd/2ba w/adj lot, sundeck

6840 THORNHILL, Montclair, light-filled 3bd/2 1/2ba contemp, lv yd \$449,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, S. Ho 869-4220

6241 CONTRA COSTA RD, Upr Rckrdge 4/3, lv-in, SF vw, rec rm \$442,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

6020 CASTLE DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba bay vws, fam rm, lv yd, deck \$439,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

6045 CONTRA COSTA RD, 4bd/3ba quality remodel, views, au pair \$429,500
Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460

618 ROSEMONT RD, Charming 3/2 1/2 trad w/hdws, 3 frpl, solar ht \$429,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

5565 MASONIC AV, Upr Rckrdge 5bd/3ba spacious contemp, rec rm \$429,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Maddy Hickling 655-6896

511 FLORENCE AV, Upr Rckrdge 5b/3b, hdwds, hot tub, 2-car gar \$419,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

6040 BULLARD DR, Montclair, value! 3bd/3ba 2-story traditional \$409,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

6532 ESTATES DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba Med, fam rm, grt back yd \$399,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

1951 OAKVIEW, 3 bedrooms \$399,000
Gadsby & Associates, Evelyn Hall 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-3

5316 HILLTOP CRES, Upr Rckrdge, charming 3/2, updt kit/mstr br \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

1049 HUBERT RD, Crocker 3bd/1 1/2ba lovely trad! on grt st, pool! \$395,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehrkin 653-8092

400 ELYSIAN FIELDS, Spacious, custom, lv, 4bd/3 1/2ba, rumpus rm \$395,000
The GRUBB Company, Brian Buty 339-0400

17 WINDWARD HILL, Hiller, 3/2 1/2 townhouse, loft, sunken tub, vw \$389,500
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

3135 HOLYROOD DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, rec rm, patio, SF bay vw \$389,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

8863 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 5/3, grt spaces, No.Bay/Mt.Tam vw \$385,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

4833 PROCTOR AV, Stylish nw 3bd/2 1/2ba w/granite counters, hdwd \$379,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400

5830 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4+bd/3ba dramatic style, hdwd/slate flrs \$379,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 SATURDAY 12-3

253 FLORENCE AV, Gracious English 3/2 Tudor, fam rm, plank flrs \$379,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken Macdonald 339-1174

8390 SKYLINE BL, Montclair, pvt setting, 4b/3b, fam rm, remod kit \$375,000
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

4021 GREENWOOD, Crocker 1911 craftsman, remod kit/baths, lg yd \$369,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

4343 SHORT HILL, Sequoyah Hills 2 1/2 ranch, lv-in, forested lot \$364,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Barry Klein 644-5423

1865 BRENTWOOD RD, Oakmore 3+bd/2+ba, nw listing! pvt gardens \$362,000
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460

4335 SEQUOYAH RD, 4+bd/3ba lg Medit, 1/3+ acre, rumpus room \$359,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5910 AVOCA AVE, Montclair 3bd/2+ba nw constr, 2-story, skylites \$349,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

2200 TIFFIN RD, Oakmore 3+bd/3, \$reduced! storybk colonial, sunrm \$339,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 SATURDAY 12-3

8135 SKYLINE, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, space & charm! mstr ste, 3 frpl \$338,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

6115 ROCKRIDGE BL, So. Sunny, dramatic 3/2, skylites, pvt yard \$336,500
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

25 MASONIC PL, Upr Rckrdge remodeled 4bd/2ba level home \$335,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

118 CRESTMONT, 4bd/3ba with fabulous views!! \$335,000
Gallagher & Lindsey, Raye 748-1771 SATURDAY 2-4

2030 TAMPA AVE, Montclair, updt kit/baths, bay vws, 3bd/2ba \$329,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

71 MERRIEWOOD CIR, Beautifully remodeled 3bd/2ba w/hill views \$320,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174

4416 SHEPHERD ST, Redwd Hts 3/2 like-new craftsman, fam rm, yd \$319,000
Mason-McDuffie, Don Howe 428-0900

781 ROSEMONT RD, Crocker 3bd/1+ba English Tudor, charm plus! \$310,000
Mason-McDuffie, Dolores Thom 834-2010

1760 MOUNTAIN BL, 4+bd/3ba, bring your paint brush & creativity \$309,000
Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077

2432 BURLINGTON ST, Lincoln Hts 3bd/2 1/2ba, stunning nw listing! \$305,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-3860

7505 SKYLINE, Montclair, pvt wooded lot, decks, 3bd/2ba, ofc, patio \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174

6547 SARONI DR, Montclair, custom/quality 3bd/2ba +rumpus rm \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

5930 MERRIEWOOD, Montclair retreat, move in! sunny/pvt 3bd/2 1/2 \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

12820 BROOKPARK RD, 3bd/2ba, gorgeous park vw, sunken liv rm \$299,000
Owner 482-5653 hardwoods, lv yard, sunny deck

5150 MASONIC, Rockridge lg 3bd/2b trad, nw listing, bay view \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Dresser 869-4224

1710 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba nw listing! stone frpl \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

25 CRESTMONT, Oakland Hills like nw 4bd/3ba, big vw, nw listing! \$297,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Jon Dunn 533-1492

6666 PINENEEDLE, 12 yrs young, 4/3 w/flex flr plan, serene setting \$289,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

1006 GALLERIN ST, Glenview, 3+bd/1+ba uniquely charming, hds \$339,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

80 STARVIEW DR, Hiller, grt buy! vw of hills & bay, 3bd/2 1/2ba \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

16 ELSTON CT, Glenview 3bd/2ba, absolutely move-in condition \$339,000
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-9281

3933 14TH AVE, 3bd/1 1/2ba, original wood, nw kitchen, charm \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Amberson McCulloch 523-6758

4363 ATLAS AVE, Redwd Hts 4bd/2 1/2ba, lv yd, frml dining, fam \$339,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

30 CONRAD CT, Montclair 2 1/2+ spl lv, cul-de-sac, decks, dbl \$339,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

3878 HANLY, Oakmore, 3+bd/2+ba, \$reduced! \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

1857 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, \$reduced! remod kitchen \$339,000
Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460

5566 LAWTON, Rockridge, just listed! charming 3/2 brown shing \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho/Terry Kulka 339-1174

44 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller Highlands 2 1/2 1/2, vws, deck, pvt \$339,000
Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-5400

5086 KEARNEY AVE, Woodminster 2+bd/2b, frpl, wkshop, gar \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy S. Welk 339-1174

4326 ARDEN, Oakmore, remod 3bd, many unique features, style \$339,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

19 EASTWOOD CT, Montclair 2+bd/1ba tri-lvl, immaculate beauty \$339,000
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 287-9585

5450 ASCOT DR, Pied Pines, 2bd/1+ba charming colonial ranch \$339,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-6460

4033 LINWOOD, Glenview, upgraded 3b/1b craftsman, walk out \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, R. Bittman 869-4217

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl up & 1bd dwn \$339,000
Owner 834-8768, SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 11-5 5% DOWN

5319 MILES AVE, Rockridge charmer 3bd/1 1/2ba, full basement \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

9475 SKYLINE, Montclair, big reduction! delightful 3bd/2ba \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

478 CLIFTON ST, Rockridge 2bd/2ba, rehabbed 2 1/2 yrs, a Charm \$339,000
Coldwell Banker 481-2660, Art Juarez/Agent 888-2066 SAT & SUN

4323 LEACH, Glenview 2+bd/1+ba, Spanish details, updt, walkout \$339,000
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-8400

3303 SYLVAN, Laurel bungalow, 3bd/2ba, mstr, frpl, hdwds, lv \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174

331 CLIFTON ST, Move right in, upgraded 2bd Rockridge craftsman \$339,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4

4284 ATLAS, Redwd Hts English 3/1 charming frml dining, hds \$339,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Meadow 482-3576

4160 TERRACE, Piedmont Ave area, big 4bd, new listing! \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, A. DaCosta 466-5574

GRAND LAKE AREA, 2 story penthouse, 2/2 1/2, sep o/c w/hall \$339,000
Owner/Agent 268-0868 SUN 1-4:30 2-car secure pkg, rooftop pool

3651 DORISA, Oakland Hills gorgeous Cape Cod, 2bd/2ba \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Manor 869-4227

3361 VICTOR AV, Redwood Heights 2bd/1+ba ranch on cul-de-sac \$339,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

2431 WILBUR, Dimond, spacious, lv living, 2+bd/2ba \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landes 869-4225

4454 ANDERSON AV, Nw listing! 3/2 ranch/grt st, lv yd, 2-car \$339,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 530-8412

461 CAVOUR, Rockridge 2bd/1ba, nw listing, neo classic charm \$339,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

311 WAYNE N1, 1st open! excc 3 1/2 condo, lake vw, 2400 sq ft \$339,000
Wells & Bennett, Nell Davis 531-9536

9040 SAGE RD, Sequoyah Hills 2 1/2, quiet, clean, fab area \$339,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-3860

2515 ALIDA ST, 3bd/2ba sunshine filled, deck, some vw, yard \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie, Fay McGee 428-0900

3400 MARGARITA, Oak Knoll 3bd/2ba very comfortable, 1960 \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Deonora Pedro 482-0799

7908 WINTHROPE, Just reduced!! classy 3/2 remodel, gourmet \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winnet 339-1174

525 MANDANA BL #403, Grand Lake 2+bd/2ba, nw listing! \$339,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

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Knowing the preliminary title report essential to home ownership

months of searching, finally found it — your perfect home. But is it perfect? You are purchasing more than a beautiful home? Will you be acquiring liens placed by prior owners? Documents been recorded that restrict your use of the property?

A preliminary report will provide the opportunity, prior to purchase, to review matters affecting your property which will be covered from coverage under your preliminary report unless removed or eliminated before your purchase.

There are some commonly asked questions regarding preliminary reports.

What is a preliminary report?

A preliminary report is a record of title insurance that shows ownership of a specific parcel together with the liens and encumbrances thereon which will be covered under a subsequent title insurance policy.

What role does a preliminary report play in the real estate transaction?

A preliminary report contains information under which the title insurer will issue a particular type of title insurance policy.

What does a preliminary report list, in addition to purchase, title defects,

liens and encumbrances which would be excluded from coverage if the requested title insurance policy were to be issued as of the date of the preliminary report. The report may then be reviewed and discussed by the parties to a real estate transaction and their agents.

Thus, a preliminary report provides the opportunity to seek the removal of items referenced in the report which are objectionable to the buyer prior to purchase.

Q: When and how is the preliminary report produced?

A: Shortly after escrow is opened, an order will be placed with the title company which will then begin the process involved in producing the report.

This process calls for the assembly and review of certain recorded matters relative to both the property and the parties to the transaction. Examples of recorded matters include a deed of trust recorded against the property or a lien recorded against the buyer or seller for an unpaid court award or unpaid taxes.

These recorded matters are listed numerically as "exceptions" in the preliminary report. They will remain exceptions from title insurance coverage unless eliminated or released prior to the transfer of title.

Q: What should I look for when reading my preliminary report?

A: You will be interested, primarily, in the extent of your owner-

ship rights. This means you will want to review the ownership interest in the property you will be buying as well as any claims, restrictions or interests of other people involving the property.

The report will note in a statement of vesting the degree, quantity, nature and extent of the owner's interest in the real property. The most common form of interest is "fee simple" or "fee" which is the highest type of interest an owner can have in land.

Liens, restrictions and interests of others which are being excluded from coverage will be listed numerically as "exceptions" in the preliminary report. These may be claims by creditors who have liens or liens for payment of taxes or assessments.

There may also be recorded restrictions which have been placed in a prior deed or contained in what are termed CC&Rs — covenants, conditions and restrictions.

Finally, interests of third parties are not uncommon and may include easements given by a prior owner which limit your use of the property. When you buy property you may not wish to have these claims or restrictions on your property. Instead, you may want to clear the unwanted items prior to purchase.

In addition to the limitations noted above, a printed list of standard exceptions and exclusions list-

ing items not covered by your title insurance policy may be attached as an exhibit item to your report.

Unlike the numbered exclusions, which are specific to the property you are buying, these are standard exceptions and exclusions appearing in title insurance policies.

The review of this section is important, as it sets forth matters which will not be covered under your title insurance policy, but which you may wish to investigate, such as governmental laws or regulations governing building and zoning.

Q: Will the preliminary report disclose the complete condition of the title to a property?

A: No. The report does not show the condition of title, but merely reports the current ownership and matters that the title company will exclude from coverage if a title insurance policy should later be issued.

Q: Is a preliminary report the same thing as title insurance?

A: Definitely not.

A preliminary report is an offer to insure, it is not a report of a complete history of recorded documents relating to the property. A preliminary report is a statement of terms and conditions of the offer to issue a title insurance policy, not a representation as to the condition of title.

These distinctions are important for the following reasons: first, no

contract or liability exists until the title insurance policy is issued; second, the title insurance policy is issued to a particular insured person and others cannot claim the benefit of the policy.

Q: Can I be protected against title risks prior to the close of the real estate transaction?

A: Yes, you can. Title companies can protect your interest through the issuance of "binders" and "commitments."

A binder is an agreement to issue insurance giving temporary coverage until such time as a formal policy is issued. A commitment is a title insurer's contractual obligation to insure title to real property once its stated requirements have been met.

Discuss with your title insurer the best means to protect your interests.

Q: How do I go about clearing unwanted liens and encumbrances?

A: You will wish to carefully review the preliminary report. Should the title to the property be clouded, you and your agents will work with the seller and the seller's agents to clear the unwanted liens and encumbrances prior to taking title.

Q: Who can I turn to for further information regarding preliminary reports?

A: Your real estate agent and your attorney, should you choose to use one, will help explain the pre-

liminary report to you. Your escrow and title company can also be helpful sources.

Conclusion: In a business which is directed at risk elimination, the effort leading to the production of the preliminary report, which is designed to facilitate the issuance of a policy of title insurance, is perhaps the most important function undertaken.

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kets and determine suitable investments for their portfolio. A full-time, full-service investment broker can watch market trends, compare them to your portfolio's performance and advise you on any changes you should make.

So whether you are saving for your child's college education, a new house or your retirement, a full-service investment broker can offer many benefits that take the hassle and confusion out of investing. Talk to a full-service investment broker today to see what services he or she can offer and how those services can help you achieve financial success.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

EXCELSIOR , Lg 2bd, frml dining, eat-in kit, finished bsmt 1 Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392	\$179,500	747 CRESTON , 3bd/1 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495	\$369,000	ORINDA Open Sunday 1 EL PATIO, Classic country club, Spanish hacienda masterpiece Completely updt w/gourmet kitchen/fam rm, prt setting, 5bd/5ba The GRUBB Company, Sherri Wilson Oakley 339-0400 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$749,000
ROCKDALE , Maxwell Pk 3bd/1b, 2000sf, comfortable living Realty, Ronda 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4	\$178,500	626 GRIZZLY PEAK , Berkley Hills 3-bd/2-ba, great yard/view Mason-McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010	\$365,000	PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm 2 SEA VIEW AV, 5bd/4+b, park-like grounds, library, rumpus, pool Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460	\$2,450,000
WINTERMEAD , Millsmont 4bd/2ba, tons of space, country feel McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 839-4202	\$175,000	2226 CARLETON ST , Original br shingle in grt condition, 4bd/3ba Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matius 287-2501	\$345,000	265 SEA VIEW , 5bd/3ba Med, dramatic, formal rooms, bl yard Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460	\$1,095,000
WINTERMEAD , Upr Hgh, 2bd/1ba, ready to move in, nw paint McDuffie 339-8888, A. Ng 869-4238	\$169,950	601 SPRUCE , Charming 3bd Med, den, bsmt rec rm, walk Tilden Pk Mason-McDuffie, Bebe McRae 644-3221 SUNDAY 1-4	\$335,000	11 SOTOLO AVE , Elegance abounds, graceful 3-story trad. landscpd The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400	\$998,500
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	745 THE ALAMEDA , Thousand Oaks 5/2 traditional, super areal Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30	\$325,000	1726 OAKLAND AVE , Try a lease option, legal 1bd apt, value!! The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	\$850,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1911 VINE , Berkeley 3bd/1 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495	\$329,000	111 ESTATES DR , Fabulous for entertaining! central courtyard The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400	\$795,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1355 ACTON ST , New listing! gorgeous 3bd/1 1/2ba home & garden Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 SUNDAY 2-4	\$324,000	33 SOTOLO AVE , Piedmont's best! classic 3 1/4 ranch, gdns, patio Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174	\$759,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	2119 LOS ANGELES , Spacious 3-bd/2ba, view, shingle Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4	\$310,000	25 TYSON CR , Masterpiece of contemp design, 4+2/2, Lake Tyson The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400	\$694,500
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1011 COLUSA , Berkeley 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Jerry Long 486-1495	\$279,000	42 HIGHLAND AV , Great value/space! 4bd/3 1/2ba, garden, pool, ofc The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400	\$675,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	534 COLUSA , 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	\$274,900	20 WYNGAARD , Spacious 4bd/4ba trad, rec rm, sun rm, terraced yd Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174	\$599,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	919 FRESNO , 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Jerry Ratch 486-1495	\$269,000	101 DALE AVE , 3bd/2ba, 2-story trad'l, newer kit, lg yd & deck Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460	\$575,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	752 EISENHARDT , Level 3bd, frml dining/kit nook, walk to Solano Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 SUNDAY 2-4	\$249,900	162 ESTATES DR , Stunning SF bay vw, kit/fam rm combo, pool, 3/3 The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400	\$549,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1326 MARTIN LUTHER KING , 3/1, \$reduction, nw paint, huge yd Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571	\$249,000	333 SCENIC AV , Stunning bay vw! unique roof garden, must see! The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400	\$549,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1406 EUCLID #3 , 2+bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495	\$229,000	10 HARDWICK AV , Move in today! 3bd/trad, center of town The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400	\$528,500
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	2362 MARIN AVE , 2bd/1ba, major \$ reduction! kit/fam rm, garden Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460	\$229,000	9 LA SALLE AVE , 3bd/2 1/2ba, kit/fam rm, yard, rumpus, oak floors Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnrd 653-8092	\$499,500
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1635 SCENIC #2 , Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495	\$225,000	100 ESTATES , 3bd/2ba in A-1 condition! bay view, \$reduced Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Hansen 869-4209	\$499,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	2128 OREGON , Charming, sunny, 2bd/1ba w/wood trim, yard Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, D. Kelley 869-4259	\$210,000	48 CREST RD , 2bd/2ba on 1/4 acre/nice st, lg mstr ste, eat-in kit Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460	\$489,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1620 CURTIS , 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495	\$189,000	80 ARROYO , Wonderful traditional, walk Dracena Pk, nw kit, garden The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400	\$379,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	1020 JONES , Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Nacio Brown 486-1495	\$179,000	1696 GRAND , \$reduced! 2bd/2ba, wheelchair accessible Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722	\$379,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	2640 REGENT , Berkeley 1bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495	\$139,000	2 CAVENDISH LN , Private wooded lot, needs TLC, 3bd/2 1/2ba The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400	\$275,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	3017 COLLEGE #1 , Appealing condo, grt neighborhood, gd bldg Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X122 SUNDAY 2-4	\$139,000	SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday 610 ELDERBERRY, 4bd Gadsby & Associates, Dianne Loder 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-3	\$299,500
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday 4971 HENSON PLACE, custom 4bd/3ba, 3 car garage Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-4	\$475,000	2515 WEST 130TH , Unique property! 2/2, lap pool, in-law, garden Harbor Bay Realty, Connie Hanna 814-4814 SUNDAY 2:30-4:30	\$240,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	4963 HENSON PI , Price reduced! dramatic, custom 4bd-den, 2 1/2ba Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-4	\$378,000	14 CORNWALL , San Leandro 3bd Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-3	\$184,950
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	EL CERRITO Open Sunday 1366 BREWSTER, Serene contemporary 3+bd/2ba + in-law Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4	\$279,000	316 BROADMOOR , \$reduced! 2bd/1ba, dining rm, basement, \$reduced! Better Homes, Earle Shenk 287-9590 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$139,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	6417 ALTA VISTA , Cheerful 2bd on quiet st, hill setting, bay vw Marvin Gardens, Diane Mintz 527-1400 SUNDAY 2-4	\$189,000	SAN PABLO Open Sunday 1928 MESA BUENA, View of Mt. Tam & SF from this 3/2 beauty Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 SUNDAY 2-4	\$145,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	6427 CONLON , Spacious 2bd, bay window, frpl, hwdws, lg kit, yd Marvin Gardens, Alice McLeish 526-1101 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$159,000	1743 PINE , San Pablo 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, John Sefton 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$95,000
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday 3329 BRENTWOOD, El Sobrante 5bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$229,000		
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	HERCULES Open Sunday 119 BEN LOMOND, Hercules 3bd/2 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$159,900		
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	KENSINGTON Open Sunday 89 FRANCISCAN, 1st open! custom 2+bd/1ba country estate Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4	\$395,000		
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	695 WELLESLEY , 4bd/3ba lg family home in prime location, come! Better Homes, Ania Weyl 729-7611 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$375,000		
WINTER ST , Temescal 3bd/2b, large, stylish, updt'd, reduced Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9582	\$169,500	421 OCEAN VIEW , Kensington 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$249,000		

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Glass brick adds an element of Art Deco to the great room.

Douglas Johnson

Masterpiece...

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menting the richness of Kram's art collection.

The final design incorporated a view from every room of the 3,500 square foot house.

Kram built the home on the side of a cliff with only the peak of the roof rising above the slope.

From above, the structure appears much smaller than it really

hall. A Calder-like mobile turns from the great room ceiling. Water faucets holding rest on the table, while Monroe gazes wistfully at a pillow. Works of art fashion the abstract interior.

At the Pacific Builders Conference Kram's house was the only one in the Bay Area to win a merit award.

is, while from below the glass and stucco walls soar three stories, not unlike an Anasazi cliff dwelling.

One is awe struck entering the house, magnetically attracted to the windows and terraces with their hypnotic, panoramic views that stretch beyond the Golden Gate to the Farallon Islands.

The top floor of the house is composed of a living room, a guest bedroom and bath and the great room, where Kram spends most of his time.

The great room has a kitchen, breakfast nook, TV-sitting area and a dual dining room, entrance

The sun works in tandem with the late-afternoon breeze from the Bay to keep the heated rooms at a comfortable temperature.

Kram's four investment properties stand again adjacent to his residence whose terraces balance their colors of white, tan, and brown.

At the Pacific Builders Conference in June, 1995, Kram's house became the only Bay Area home to win a merit award as one of the top 10 custom house designs.

This distinguished award is a testament to Kram's love for his home.

Fire safety can prevent loss

Wildfire season is upon us again.

Wildfires, when forced along a path of dry vegetation by high winds move rapidly, often destroying everything in their path within a few minutes.

The American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter has fire prevention tips for residents. Up to 80 percent of home losses to wildfire can be prevented by having:

- Roofing made of noncombustible material
- Trees trimmed away from the roof
- Low growing and less flammable plants
- Flammables stored away from the home
- Roof and gutters cleaned of leaves and pine needles
- A 30 foot noncombustible fire break surrounding the home
- An adequate 3 water supply available to fight fire
- Good access for emergency vehicles
- Exterior walls made of fire resistant material

If a wild fire does occur in your area and government officials instruct you to evacuate, do it immediately. Wildfires move fast. When people are forced to evacuate, your Red Cross will open emergency shelters. Shelter locations will be announced on the radio. Pre-identify irreplaceable items (photos, documents, etc) that you will want to take with you if you are evacuated. Store the following items in a backpack near the door?

- Prescription drugs (childproof containers)
 - Proper identification
 - Food for special diets
 - Money, credit cards, checks
 - Clothing for 24 hours
 - Infant/child supplies
 - Eyeglasses/contact lens bedding
 - Radio, flashlight, batteries
 - Toys and games
 - Personal hygiene items.
- For more information on how you can prevent and prepare for wildfires, contact your local office of the American Red Cross.

Winter is perfect time to plan next year's herb garden

Herbs have always been favorites with gardeners. They provide color, form, scent and taste, and many have reputed medicinal values.

In Colonial times in America, and long before that in Europe and other areas, a garden of plants chosen for their culinary and medicinal qualities was frequently grown just outside the kitchen door.

Today's kitchen garden may end up being some distance from the kitchen door due to shading, decks, sidewalks, and other obstacles, but if you have an area just outside your kitchen door, so much the better. Nothing can match the taste and aroma of fresh-picked herbs, no matter how they are used.

Just what is an "herb"? In its simplest definition an herb is a plant without any permanent woody tissue, and which dies back to the ground after flowering. In its broadest sense, an herb is any non-woody plant that is grown for its aroma, taste or reputed medicinal value. For our purposes in a modern-day "kitchen" garden, we will use plants that are commonly

recognized as culinary herbs.

What are the most popular herbs being grown today? According to Kathy Sabastian, Executive Director of The International Herb Association, chives, basil, rosemary, lemon verbena, sage, oregano, sweet marjoram, parsley, French tarragon, and thyme make up today's top 10 herbs.

There is a big increase in herb purchases and interest in the '90s. "It's back to the basics, back to natural, and back to gardening," she said. "And if you are only familiar with herbs from a can or jar, it's time to discover what fresh is like. Fresh herbs are tastier because they haven't been processed or dried, so there is no lost flavor."

But of course, one of the great things about herbs is that they can be used fresh in season, and also dried for use later.

Generally herbs are relatively easy to grow, and you can start most of them from seed indoors, or direct sowing to the garden. Provided that the soil is well drained, many herbs will grow where regular flowering bedding plants won't, although no plant

will argue against rich soil. While there are a few herbs that favor some shade, particularly in the South, you will find that most prefer full sunlight, so plan your garden accordingly.

If you are a cook who frequently uses herbs and spices in your cooking, you may already know what you want to grow.

If you favor Italian cooking, be sure to include basil (for pesto), oregano, and parsley. If you love dill pickles, grow some dill plants by your cucumbers.

A sunny, well-drained spot is recommended for most herbs, and if you have a vegetable garden, the addition of herbs to your vegetable plot is a natural place to grow them.

Allow ample spacing between plants so that they can develop to their fullest. One or two plants per herb type will probably be adequate for most families. If growing herbs is new to you, start with

a few of your favorite herbs, launching into a larger garden.

Because you will be using these plants and not just for decoration, be sure to plan the ways between rows, the method of easy access for watering, and harvesting.

Some herbs are tall, so minimize any shade created by shadows of taller plants in the garden so that the taller plants planted where they will cast shadow shorter ones.

In addition to using fresh herbs in cooking, they can be used in craft projects, herb wreaths, dried floral arrangements, aromatic sachets, and a host of other uses.

Fresh or dried, these herbs are a delight that offer a year-round satisfaction as you grow your own garden.

Hymer... Dirt...

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sence." This establishes a mutual agreement and responsibility between you and the seller to act in a timely fashion throughout the transaction.

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during the summer and early fall months. Their biggest pest is the budworm. This critter attacks late June through early September. The budworm eats the flowers and riddles the foliage. It is controlled with "Bt," nontoxic pesticide.

Listen to Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, Saturdays, 6 - 8 a.m., on KNBR 68, "The Sports and Gardening Leader."

Check out books on gardening

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center, Inc., has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture. The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books on 30-day loans.

The books are available to Bay Area residents for an annual fee of \$2. The library is open Thursdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays) and is located in the Garden Center Building at Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue. For more information, call 482-5252.

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206 Found

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401 Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST. Temporary November 6 through January 12, part-time, 8-12 Monday-Friday. Very heavy phone, good filing skills. Oakland 452-6118.

RECEPTIONIST

Full-time for Alameda office. Benefits. Some computer experience helpful. Please fax resume to 769-1214.

RECEPTIONIST. Self-assured, energetic, friendly, wanted for top real estate company. Good phone skills a must. Some computer skills helpful. Fax or send resume to: 1451 Leimert Blvd. Oakland, CA 94602, (510)531-0802 attention: Mary.

RECEPTIONIST for art supply distributor. Must be dependable and enthusiastic with a pleasant voice and helpful personality. Good phone skills, able experience a plus. Resume to: Credit Department, 1327 Park Ave., Emeryville, CA 94608 or Fax 510-428-0587.

RECEPTIONIST for finance company in Oakland City Center. Full-time, full benefits, competitive salary. Responsibilities include phones, scheduling meetings, AP/AR, coordinating travel, etc. Excellent entry, order supplies. Must be professional, friendly. Experienced in Window applications. Send resume: Box N, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611. Or fax: 510-206-8282.

RESTAURANT

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Taco Bell seeks experienced crew and management. Apply in person Tuesday through Saturday, 1900 Webster Street, Alameda. Ask for JoVita, no phone calls.

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ROUTE SERVICE

Good DMV, reliable transportation, no nights/weekends. Minimum \$8/hour. 510-236-7005 ext. 613.

SALES

MARKETING REP
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Professional wanted to help develop sales strategy for small residential remodeling contractor. Part-time. \$20/hour. 655-3409.

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SECRETARY, small real estate office. Full-time/part-time. Good computer, typing skills necessary. Bilingual Cantonese. 510-827-8777.

TEACHERS, aides, before and after school. Children's enrichment program. Arts, crafts, music, drama. Health benefits. Resume: Adventure Time Box, 5009, Berkeley 94705.

TELEMARKETER, part-time at home. Hourly pay plus bonuses. potential to \$40/hour. 510-763-6778, evenings 6-8 p.m.

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Permanent part-time hours 10-24 per week, for weekly newspaper group. Some evening work required. Mac experience required. Must be available to work extra hours as necessary. Fax resume with salary expectations to: Mr. Paisley at (510)359-7302. Please include your phone number, your fax will be answered.

402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

\$40,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL
Home typists/ PC users. Toll free 800-898-9778, ext. T-7057 for listings.

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HOME TYPISTS

PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call (800)513-4343 ext. 22136.

403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLIST: Share salon with one other stylist. \$550/month. Treats Girls Lakeshore Ave. 510-465-7733.

HAIRSTYLIST: Air conditioned space for rent in nicely designed salon on College Ave. 841-2946.

HAIR cutter/ stylist/ barber/ manicurist wanted. Chair rental or commission with clientele. 763-8480.

STATION in sophisticated upstairs salon. \$640/month; special rate \$500 through January 30th. 339-2601; 339-0301.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 546-5627.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

MATURE lady to act as elderly person. Monday-Saturday. Montclair, Piedmont home. Salary, hours negotiable. Can play piano! Edith 531-0935.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

AU PAIR for senior citizen. Car, references required. Compassionate, understanding. Room/ board/ salary. Oakland 272-0733.

HOUSE helper needed 10-12 daily, \$7.50/hour. Light housework. Additional hours possible. Glenview 530-3727.

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNY jobs; Mothers-In-Deed has immediate openings in East Bay. Full-time and part-time, top salaries. (415)461-7755.

NANNIES

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Momm Aways, 559-9195; 803-1040.

LOVING childcare for 5 year old girl in Montclair home. 3 afternoons/week. English speaking. Excellent and references required. Must have CDL, car. 655-1990, evenings.

CAREGIVER needed for 9 year old boy. Rockridge area. Afternoons Monday-Thursday. Good salary. Must drive. References. 548-7654.

CHILD CARE needed in afternoons for 3 year old in Oakland. References required. David 482-3481.

EXPERIENCED Childcare needed for 2 year girl, North Berkeley, Thursdays, 8-6, Fridays, 11:15-6. Fluent English. \$24-1464, evenings/weekends.

NANNY needed for 4 year boy, live-in/out, Monday through Friday evening. References, non-smoking 633-1475.

409 Childcare Wanted

CHILDCARE, 4 children, Piedmont, 4 days/week, some evenings, light housework, experienced, own transportation, 595-8114.

NANNIE Au Pair. Needed for 2 girls live-in. Car available. Karen 708-584-1512/708-804-8147.

LOVING, patient, aware, health oriented person to care for loved 2 year old. Monday, Friday, 3-7 \$6/hour. 528-9045.

LOVING nanny needed for 4 young children, full-time in our Alameda home. English speaking, experienced, references required. 665-9794.

LOVING caregiver for 2 year old. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:30-3:30 near Montclair. Valid driver's license required. \$6.50/hour. 531-0300.

CHILDCARE for children 3, 9. Weekdays 3-6. Rockwood Heights. Reliable car required. 531-1965.

LOVING, interactive babysitter needed for our delightful 3 1/2 year old son, Tuesday evenings. Own car, references. Laurel District, Oakland. 482-8608.

INFANT care and mother's helper, part-time. Excellent. English speaking a must. Flexible hours. 547-6605.

CHILDCARE errands, Boy 12 and girl 7, Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m. Car with insurance required, references, mature, English speaking, nonsmoking, \$8/hour. 835-5249.

BABYSITTER/housekeeper for Piedmont family. Child 10. Afternoons 3-6 3 days/week. 654-8021 evenings.

LIVE-IN childcare. Wonderful 2 1/2 year old girl and baby due in January. Non-smoking, references, private room, English speaking, car. 654-6201.

410 Shared Childcare

SHARE loving babysitter with 18 month old daughter. Kensington, 30 plus hours/week. 524-5302-evenings.

SEEKING share for one year, North Berkeley. Experienced, loving, English speaking. Need car. Diane 525-2540.

SHARE responsible, loving, experienced babysitter with our 6 month old son. Montclair Hills. 339-3821.

411 Childcare - Licensed

OVER Rainbow Daycare. Loving, lightly structured pre-school activities, outings. Credentialed teacher, Deborah, 339-2066. License #010208900.

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412 Babysitting Offered

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413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408.

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603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?
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605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them for free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

MATRESS Sets, Twin, \$69. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. \$500 with love seat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Seely, Restonic. 444-1990.

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo disposal. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 866-8127.

WALNUT dresser with beveled mirror \$300. Bunk beds with mattress \$150. Hosiery kitchen cabinet \$375. Oak Morris chair \$300. 510-814-0307.

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NINE piece King bedroom set, black leather. Twin canopy girls bedroom set with mirror/dresser. 523-6437.

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KITCHEN set, 4 high back chairs, simulated wood Formica table \$40. 523-7182.

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

FALL Sale: Cords \$150. Oak, Eucalyptus, Cedar, Apple. Pine \$120 Cord. Fast free delivery. 632-0453.

HILLS Swim and Tennis Club family membership, \$2200 or best offer. 339-3874.

SEASONED almond firewood, \$195/cord. Free delivery. 635-1277. After 5 p.m. 638-1881.

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

TWO round trip airline tickets anywhere within U.S. \$750 each or best offer. Expires December 1996. Melissa 653-0951.

ELEGANT Ladies 14K gold band with 3 large pear cut diamonds, total 3.05 carats. Valued at \$11,000; will sacrifice for \$5,500. Monday through 9 a.m.-5 p.m., ask for Michael Flynn 769-2939.

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607 Miscellaneous Wanted

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608 Musical Instruments

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1893 STEINWAY Grand Piano, Rosewood. \$1250 appraisal or best offer. (510)530-3087.

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

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703 Garage & Storage Rentals

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704 Housing Wanted

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JOURNALIST, 26, Berkeley MA, quiet, non-smoking. Seeking studio 1 bedroom, Berkeley, Oakland, good neighborhood. (510)204-9639.

ALTERNATIVE health professional seeks large room, deck, parking, trees. \$350- \$450. Mike 763-4333.

NORTH Berkeley. A house, cottage, duplex, 1/2 bedrooms, quiet, sunny. Professional responsible woman. 528-4298.

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706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

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Right: Clockwise from top are Sean San José Blackman (Benjamin), Sarah Dacey Charles (Joy) and Colman Domingo (Eddy) in Berkeley Rep's school touring production of 'The Yellow Boat.' Far right: Blackman and Domingo.



Touring program takes art, drama of AIDS to local schools

Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Programs for Education will present David P. Saar's *The Yellow Boat* for its 11th season of school touring productions. *The Yellow Boat* tells the poignant story of a young boy's struggle with pain and prejudice and his use of art to interpret the events in his life.

Directed by Phyllis S. K. Look, *The Yellow Boat* is now touring schools, visiting over 40 elementary and secondary schools throughout the greater Bay Area. The play has already been performed at Franklin School in Berkeley, and is scheduled for staging at Windrush (Nov. 8) and Prospect (Nov. 15) schools in El Cerrito and Berkwood-Hedge School in Berkeley (Dec. 4).

Each performance is followed by a 15-minute discussion during which the actors will answer students' questions about the production and the subject matter. In addition to school performances, there will be a public performance Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Kaiser Center in Oakland.

The Yellow Boat, commissioned and first produced by Childsplay, Inc. of Tempe, Ariz., and Metro Theater Com-

pany of St. Louis, is based on the true story of Benjamin Saar, the playwright's son, who was born with hemophilia and died at the age of 8 of AIDS-related complications.

Benjamin, with remarkable artistic talent, created vibrant drawings and paintings to chronicle his experiences. Some of the set pieces in the Berkeley Rep production will recreate Benjamin's paintings, and will serve as a reminder of the importance of art to all children.

Recommended for grades 3 through 8, *The Yellow Boat* is a timely and important play that provides useful insights and meaning to children who are now growing up in a world where HIV and AIDS are a reality.

This year's program includes a collaboration with the Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA) in Oakland. The museum will send artists into five pilot schools to guide students through the creation of painted murals. These murals, which relate directly to scenes from the play, will then be used as part of the set of the touring production. The murals will also be featured as part of an exhibit at MO-

CHA and other venues throughout

The cast of *The Yellow Boat* includes Sean San José Blackman as Benjamin, Cynthia Bassham as Mother, Michael Torres as Father, Colman Domingo as Eddy, Elizabeth Carter as Doctor and Sarah Dacey Charles as Joy. Director Phyllis S. K. Look, former Berkeley Rep resident director and founding director of the Rep's Programs for Education, has directed a number of Rep touring productions, including *Dragonwings* and *Wolf Child*, as well as last season's *Parallel Season* production of *Last of the Suns* at Berkeley Rep. Designers for *The Yellow Boat* include Joseph D. Dodd, scenic designer; Lydia Tanji, costume designer; and Stephen LeGrand, sound designer. The stage manager is Joseph Smelser.

A public performance, a benefit for Berkeley Rep, will be held at the Kaiser Center in Oakland on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. ArtsCard holders are entitled to \$1 off the ticket price. For more information, call the Rep's Education Office at 204-8913.

Berkeley Rep's Programs for Education has been bringing live professional theatre to students and teachers at their

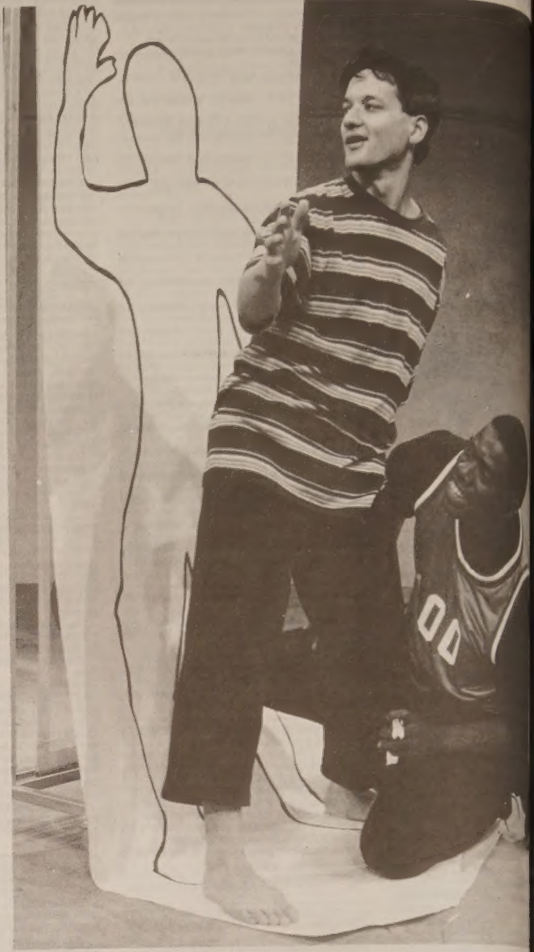
school sites for 10 years. Under the direction of Education Director Karen Racanelli, Berkeley Rep Programs for Education also offers special student matinee performances (TEAM: Theatre Educates and Motivates), post-play discussions, teacher training workshops, actor-teacher workshops and academic study guides.

These services are designed to support the classroom curriculum and provide teachers with an effective and creative approach to teaching theatre.

Performances of *The Yellow Boat* are supported by the California Challenge

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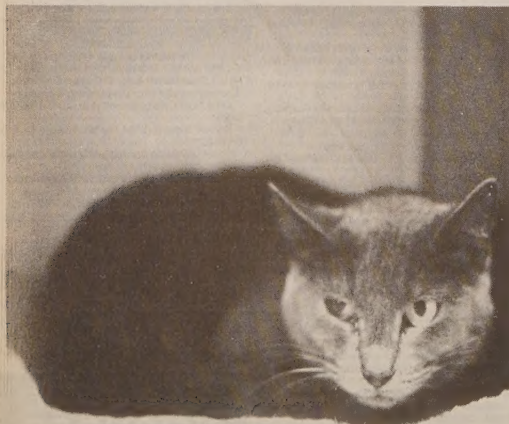
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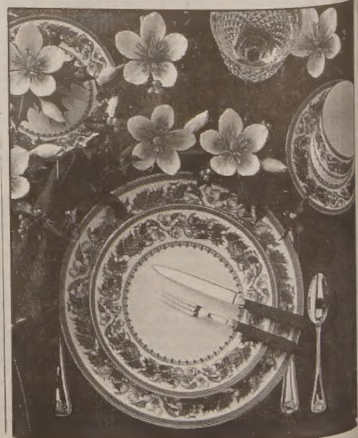
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Letters

from page 2
we accept the realities of redevelopment
a vital commitment in the world of the
nations, our nation, our state, our
cities, our families? Or should we opt for a
built for two in an outdated village
ment long gone with the vanished frontier?
must ask Mr. Stark, is he on the level or is
member of the El Cerrito Citizens'
the Jarvis/Gann conspiracy, the
ers of public educations, the reborn
front, the out-of-control private
the violence-prone anti-abortionists, the
Gingrich cadres? Please, Mr. S., tell us
stand; allay our worst fears.

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Notable accomplishments

studying the claims of the incumbent El
City Council members who are seeking re-
it is interesting to note that each
one takes sole and absolute credit for
perceived as beneficial during his/her
office.

claims of great accomplishments are
accompanied by any offsets. If one claims
any reason, one must also weigh and
responsibility. Or, in the words of news
animator Paul Harvey, "Now for the rest of

candidates take credit for having set aside
General Fund reserve. The current
shows the actual reserve as more on the
6.25 percent.

reserve was not accomplished by any
fiscal management or innovative planning
part of the incumbents, but rather via
taxes (the Utility Users' Tax imposed
previous council, which has brought
\$4.4 million to the city over the past three
and the Property Transfer Tax imposed by
incumbent council, netting roughly \$1.3

increased tax revenue of \$6.7 million, it
took no herculean effort to set aside less
\$3 million.

incumbent boasts that the city was able to
use a new fire truck with cash. Once again,
came from a tax (Public Safety Tax).

incumbents have, for the past 10 months,
that they would not decide pro or con on
theater until after completion of the EIR
theater, a flyer distributed on Oct. 24
that both are opposed to the project. I
their horses are still damp from their
man adventure.

If the incumbents' collective opposition is to be
believed, why have they allowed this expensive
and time-consuming farce to continue?; and, why
did Mr. La Force, as recently as Oct. 19,
diligently but unsuccessfully urge the Sierra club
to rescind its stated opposition to a theater of
regional magnitude, as well as its suggested
mitigation of neighborhood parking problems?

Half-stories and sudden turn-about don't
impress me. My vote goes to challenger Thom
Stark — the only candidate who believes the
citizens of El Cerrito should vote on major issues!

Beverly Gent
El Cerrito

Misleading information

Editor:

William Cummerford's recent Journal letter
which sang the praises of the Redevelopment
Agency in El Cerrito contains both erroneous and
misleading statements. All should be aware of
them.

First, the Project Listen group I was part of had
some severe criticisms of Redevelopment. A
major conclusion was that "big-box"
developments needed to be chosen with great
care, and finances must be sound. One of the
reasons for these was the profoundly unsound
Target store project, which will never pay for
itself.

The deficit to the agency is some \$4 million,
which narrows to about \$1 million if the sales tax
to the City is included. (Actually, the two are
supposed to be financially separate.) This state of
affairs was confirmed by the Redevelopment
Advisory Committee, of which I was also a part.
This information was, and is, available to anyone
— including Mr. Cummerford.

Second, it is true that the Redevelopment Plan
was extended by the voters. The margin was some
45 votes out of about 9,500 cast. This is hardly a
ringing endorsement of the agency's past record.
Happily, they have created a permanent Advisory
Committee, as recommended by the RAC group I
served with.

Third, the supposed Target sales tax windfall
just doesn't show up on the bottom line. In 1990,
just before the Target project began, sales-tax
revenue was \$1.908 million. In 1994, after the
store had been in place for over a year, the
revenue was \$1.905 million.

Mr. Cummerford neglects to take into account
the loss in sales to existing businesses due to
Target's presence. The new Target store in Pinole
may well reduce the revenues from the local one.

Fourth, as regards City services, those have
been maintained by the Utility Users' Tax and the

Property Transfer Tax. Together, these brought in
\$2.24 million this year — a far cry from the
\$240,000 Cummerford fails for Target sales tax.
The need for the new taxes is, in part, due to the
fact that the Redevelopment Agency diverts about
\$500,000 from City revenue each year.

Finally, Cummerford's inference that
residential longevity should govern who has the
right to voice opinions is nonsense. We need
every good brain available to help us reach
rational ends.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

What you vote may be what you get

Editor:

This year, the election in El Cerrito is looming
larger than you may think. And you better be
careful, because what you vote for may be what
you get.

Take the large-scale, 20-screen, 3,886-seat
mixed-use theater complex being planned near the
Del Norte BART station. Despite heavy citizen
opposition, the incumbent City Council has
accelerated the review process of this project with
an out-of-town developer — which appears to
bypass the all-important step of determining
whether the citizens even want this thing or not.

Three times residents have clearly indicated
that they do not want this project. It's out of scale
for El Cerrito. It's likely to have a negative
impact on property values. And it will produce
serious traffic and crime problems for the area.

At least, this was the sentiment expressed when
the project was first presented to the public in late
August, and again during a "public scoping
meeting" on Sept. 27. At this meeting, an informal
show of hands showed the audience to be over 75-
3 against the large-scale theater plan.

And, a third time, a broad-scale citizen
documented the opposition by a four-to-one
margin. It should also be noted that the
researchers of this study have also advised the
City on other market research activities.

On each occasion the same objections were
raised: size, late-night traffic congestion, crime,
and negative impact on the surrounding
neighborhood. It's clear this project is a "big"
topic with a lot of "big" problems.

So, what's this have to do with your vote? You
can start by comparing the difference among the
candidates on this plan. Thom Stark opposes it.
He shares the same concerns as the majority of
citizens. Jane Bartke refuses to commit.
Apparently, she's waiting to see which way the
winds will blow after the election. Norman La
Force has been the most enthusiastic supporter

since he first went on record for it last January.

Stark believes this plan is way oversized and
out of character for El Cerrito. He compares it to a
similar facility backed by the same theater
company in Texas he visited recently. In his
words, "It's big." He also points out that even at
full-capacity around the clock, the project would
hardly pay the city enough proceeds to have a
single police officer monitor it.

La Force countered this argument during the
recent candidates' night discussion by stating that
a need for an additional four to five police
officers could be "mitigated" with the developer
— the City would request the developer or theater
tenant to pick up the cost. Will they?

La Force also supports the large, regional-scale
nature of this project. He sides with developers
who argue that large, regional-scale theaters can
compete more effectively against smaller, less
efficient local theaters.

As recently as Oct. 19, La Force unsuccessfully
petitioned a Sierra Club subcommittee to rescind
its stance against regional-scale development at
this location — asking that they "not take a
position on size" for this project. Talk about
wrapping oneself in the cloak of
environmentalism while courting the dagger of the
developer!

Something doesn't seem right here. If a project
needs four to five additional policemen to protect
people in their homes nearby at night, perhaps it's
a bad idea. If a project is "Texas-sized," including
endless parking requirements, then why does one
argue it's just right for El Cerrito? If candidates
claim to support an environmental platform,
why are they petitioning the Sierra Club to take an
anti-environmental position?

And why is the city working so closely with an
out-of-town developer whose track record is being
seriously questioned? Citizen volunteers have
uncovered more than one lawsuit filed against this
developer. Is this what we want in our city?

You can help answer some of these questions
— vote. If you want a mega-theater project with
late-night mega-theater crowds, vote for the
candidates that support it. If you want more
human-scale development with more local
business leaders and citizen groups involved in
building the right plan for El Cerrito, vote for
Thom Stark. Because, what you vote for is what
you'll get.

Grant Ricketts
El Cerrito

School Board is responsible

Editor:

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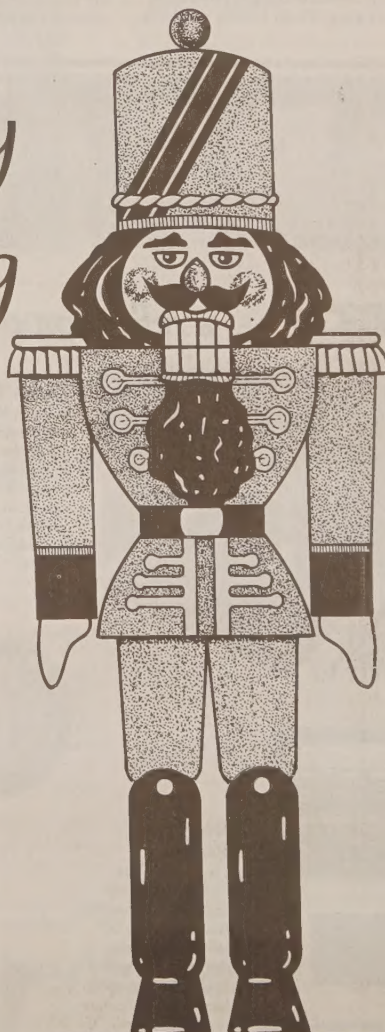
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Letters

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I do not understand how anyone can ask the voters to re-elect the incumbents on the school board.

They like to blame the former superintendent for the huge debt and everything else that is bad about the West Contra Costa School District.

But the fact is that the school board alone spends the money, not the superintendent. The school board ran up the huge debt.

Then the school board voted to tax the home owners in order to get an additional \$5 million a year to pay off the debt that the board imposed on the same taxpayers. The money the board received, in the amount of \$10 million for two years, has not been spent for recreation purposes.

Why call it a recreation tax? Why not call it a tax to pay off the debt?

The school board voted to cut teacher and employee salaries by 9 percent four years ago. The school board has given back only 3-1/2 percent of the 9 percent. Teachers in this district are now the lowest-paid in the Bay Area.

They may not receive the other 5-1/2 percent for another five years. By that time, teachers here will be lower than in Mississippi, and thousands behind other Bay Area districts. Good teachers are leaving and new teachers do not want to work here. I don't blame them.

Everyone should realize that this district receives the same amount per child as most districts. The amount is \$4,400, but the district spends only about \$2,200 for teachers and kids. The rest is spent for administrators and bureaucrats who never see kids, but they are paid more than the teachers, because they control the money.

The school board has been suspending 13,000 kids who are mainly black and Hispanic.

The school board is allowing all of the violence and disruptions in the schools. The school board is allowing the verbal abuse of children.

Four more years of the same would be a disaster for the children of this district.

I am voting for Adrienne Harris-Pitts and Glen Price on Nov. 7.

Richard Arthur
Richmond

Theater is needed

Editor:

I live on the Richmond/El Cerrito border near the Del Norte BART station, which means (thankfully!) that I can walk to BART and the Del Norte complex, a factor that was very important in my decision to move to this area five years ago. However, I am concerned that, since I moved to the area, the only type of development that occurs in the area is "big-box" warehouses—other than the Del Norte Place, no further pedestrian-oriented development has occurred. That fact, combined with Caltrans' obsession with tearing down as many old, beautiful trees as possible in its ill-advised widening of I-80 (which is helping

greatly to uglify the area), has made me seriously question the future livability of this area.

The theater complex proposed for Del Norte would utilize what is now basically a vacant lot in (other than the Del Norte Place) a blighted urban area. Instead of creating more traffic (as Caltrans has done), locating the theater so close to BART should encourage people to get out of their cars. To encourage people to use transit, the theater could offer discount tickets to those who take BART or AC Transit to its doors, the way various museums in San Francisco do with MUNI riders.

Instead of creating more and more suburban sprawl, all the while ruining habitat for wildlife and straining more of California's natural resources, we should be focusing our efforts on improving the blighted semi-urban areas that already exist, that need the type of creative development that will stimulate the local economy and encourage people to try alternatives to cars and freeway traffic.

A movie theater at Del Norte, along with more pedestrian-oriented storefronts and street design as well as preservation and restoration of the creeks and open spaces in El Cerrito and the surrounding area, should help combat some of the destruction we humans are causing in an already overpopulated state.

Lisa Owens-Viani
Richmond

He wants what's best

Editor:

In the El Cerrito Council race, incumbent mayor Norman La Force opposes a mega-theater at the El Cerrito Del Norte BART. However, he does believe the city should study the options, which now include a scaled-back version proposed by the developer, two smaller variations, and no project at all. La Force wants what is best for the city—and that means exploring the costs and benefits of these different alternatives.

I support La Force's even-handed approach and his willingness to wait until the relevant information is compiled before deciding which alternative will best serve El Cerrito. That's why he'll get my vote, and I urge my neighbors to vote likewise.

Mary Tyson

Wants answers

Editor:

The El Cerrito Council incumbents claim that they listen to citizens. Anyone watching the Council on cable channel 25 during Monday night meetings, or at noon on subsequent Mondays, will see them refuse to discuss issues with the citizens. Is there a law that they may not answer questions?

Controversial questions are responded to with obvious indifference, such as playing with a pencil or looking past the speaker's shoulder. If the speaker insists on an answer, it is usually saved till she or he sits down. This gives the

Council a chance to reword the question and avoid any follow-up discussion. Citizens who dare to keep asking are manipulated, chastised and bullied. Perhaps they want citizens to be so frustrated that they will simply stop attending meetings?

It is obvious to any unbiased person, such as those that do not expect favors, or are not trying to become El Cerrito political insiders, that what we need is a new, independent person on the City Council. The present group has become arrogant and authoritarian. This happens with all politicians that take their power base for granted. The El Cerrito political machine must be stopped. Vote for Thom Stark. He is honest, independent and will work with citizens, not dictate to them.

Victoria Hughes
El Cerrito

Group endorses change

Editor:

We would like to inform your readership about the West County Residents for Fair Government. We are a non-partisan, local community group that has been formed as a direct result of the consequences of unfair practices of local government officials. We are the only group dedicated to representing all the residents of West County, not the special interests. West Contra Costa local governments, especially the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board and the City of Richmond, have been unduly influenced by the local big-bucks, political machine. Over the past four years, the local firefighters union No. 188 has poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into these races. We have been formed to attempt to balance the scales, so that residents have a fair chance at electing officials that will represent them, not the special interests.

We have been pleased to help the community by facilitating a process to identify two independent, highly-qualified candidates for the School Board, Glen Price and Adrienne Harris-Pitts, (who are not members of our group) to run against the machine-backed incumbents. They have been endorsed by nearly every other community group and leader. We have also endorsed Bob Sutcliffe and Alex Evans in Richmond; Thom Stark (El Cerrito), Bob Sullivan, Reva Clark, and Timothy Friend (El Sobrante), and David Anton (Kensington).

Here is our platform of fair government reforms: improving the local school district, increasing public participation in local government decision-making processes, ensuring residents have an opportunity to vote on all tax increases, and supporting electoral reforms that will ensure community-based candidates have a fair chance of getting elected, especially against the candidates backed by the big-bucks, local political machines that specialize in negative hit pieces.

We invite members of the public to join this effort to restore fair government to the area. Write us at: PO Box 5283 Richmond, CA 94805-0283. Residents can call me at 236-1583 for information.

What is all the fuss

Editor:

What is all this fuss about the theater at El Cerrito? Just because it is election time we not lose sight of what we want as a community.

Surely we can all agree with the idea of La Force and the City Council to fully study various proposals and make a decision on the facts.

Let's not lose sight of what's important: the whole community and the City Council already working together for what we want. Let's not let some election-time accusations and dividers derail our chance to work as a community for the good of El Cerrito.

The City Council is doing everything it can to study all the alternatives and to encourage citizen participation.

Let's keep them on the job so we can get the job done.

Christopher C...

Habitat destruction

Editor:

Migrant bird habitat is in peril in the Tilden Nature Area and Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. With the recent support of the City Council for a 500-foot-wide fuel reduction corridor in the moist chaparral (Northridge scrub) of these parks, the issue of migrant habitat destruction comes home to us.

This is not the distant rain forest in our own backyard, where Wilson's warblers, orange-crowned warblers come to breed in spring before returning south for the winter. Our year-round resident birds (towhees, wrentit, and others) breed here too. The habitat feeds and shelters other wildlife well.

If you have ever enjoyed a bird walk, hiked in the Tilden Nature Area above Lake, now is the time to defend this habitat from destruction. Please write the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors (2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Berkeley 94605) to not permit the construction of a fuel reduction corridor, which will destroy wildlife habitat.

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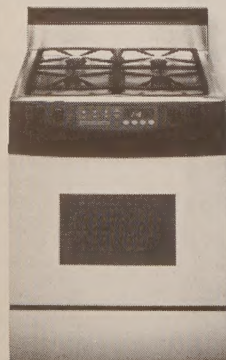
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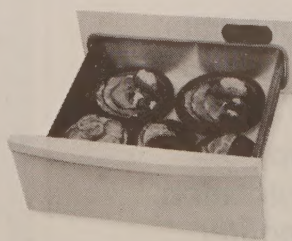
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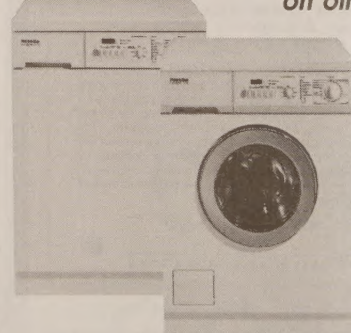
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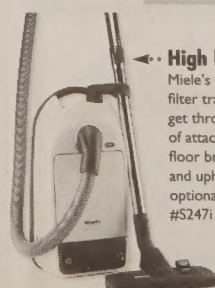
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